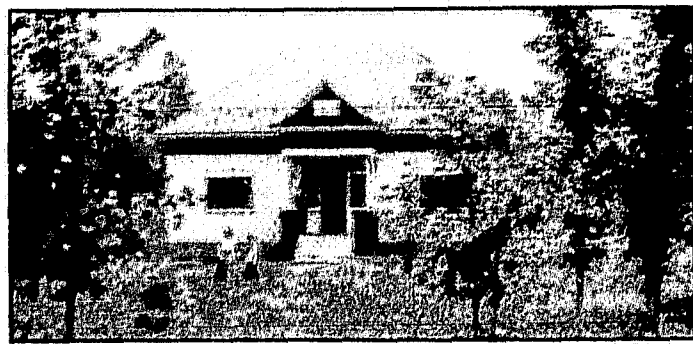




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What does Newry want?

BY ALISON ALOISIO

What does Newry want? That was the question posed by former selectman Steve Wight at last week's meeting of the Newry Withdrawal Committee.

The topic came up when the panel discussed a recent vote by the SAD 44 School Board to take no action on a proposal to consider changing the local school cost-sharing formula to make it more financially favorable to Newry. The costs are currently shared among the towns based on their property valuations, but the formula could be changed to factor in student population.

The board's Finance Committee supported the idea, hoping it might prevent Newry from voting to leave the district.

In addition to that decision, the School Board had also voted unanimously to approve a resolution stating: "It is the School Board's goal to keep Newry in the district. Newry's withdrawal would have a significant negative impact on the quality of education in MSAD 44."

Marcel Polak, chairman of the School Board's subcommittee that will negotiate a withdrawal agreement with the Newry committee, said then his group would follow all regulations and negotiate in good faith, but they wanted to have the resolution in place to reflect "that [withdrawal] is not something we want to see happen. We want to make it very clear that the board is behind doing everything we can legally [do] to keep withdrawal from happening."

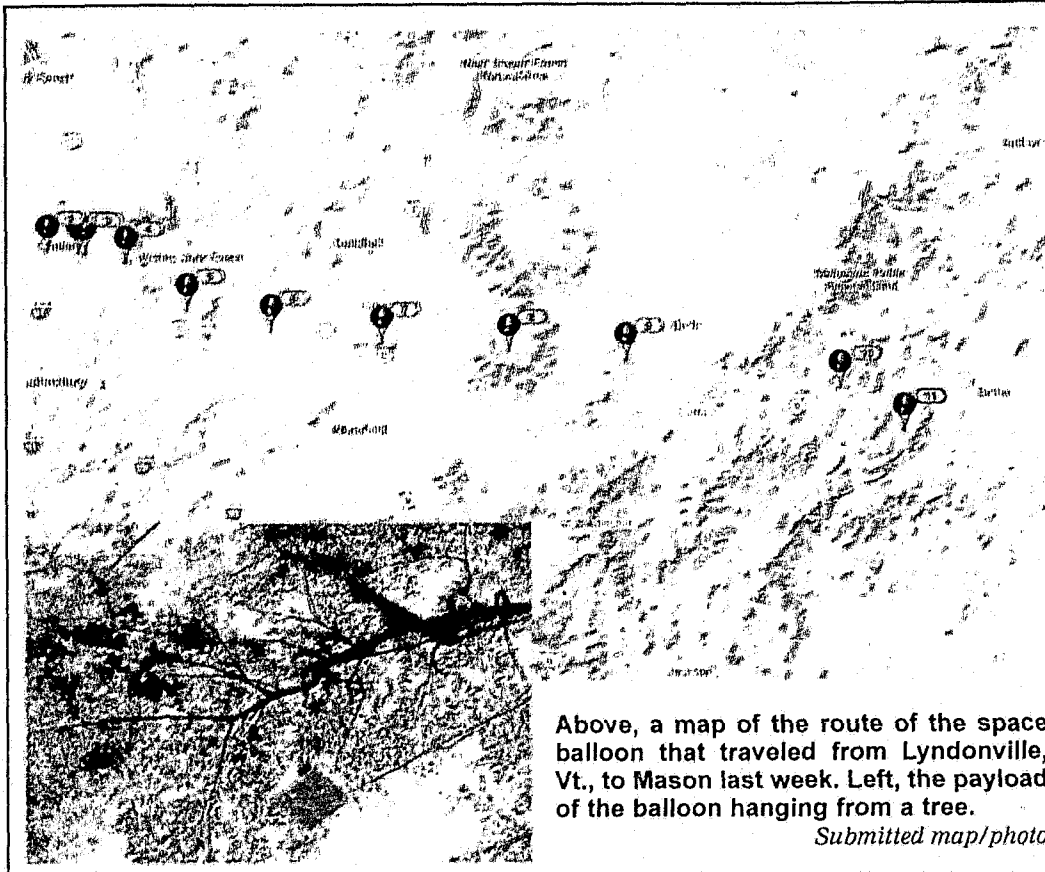
At last week's meeting of the Newry withdrawal committee, member William Andrews wondered about the SAD 44 move.

"When a board takes a position against something, it compromises their committee's ability to negotiate in good faith," he said. "I was surprised they had a formal vote. It struck me as an obstacle that wasn't necessary."

Chairman Jim Sysko said his committee's charge is the opposite of the SAD 44 subcommittee's.

"Our goal is a withdrawal plan," he said. "We want to withdraw, so we're going to use every means our committee has to do it. It's almost the reverse of what the School Board said - they're going to use every legal means to prevent us

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Above, a map of the route of the space balloon that traveled from Lyndonville, Vt., to Mason last week. Left, the payload of the balloon hanging from a tree.

Submitted map/photo

From Vermont to Maine at 60,000 feet

Students at a Vermont high school recently recovered a weather balloon, which had been launched from their Lyndonville campus, in Mason Township, about 75 miles away.

The balloon, equipped with a camera, transponder and GPS, rose to 60,000 feet before falling back to earth. The balloon was part of the Lyndon Institute's Space Balloon Project, and was launched Jan. 22. It was rigged with a parachute so that when it expanded past a certain point it would explode, and the payload would parachute to Earth.

An earlier balloon, launched Jan. 15, landed near Monson, Me.

Teacher Sam Critchlow described the project and the recovery of the Mason balloon in an e-mail on Friday:

"This one, 'Balloon 2,' rose to an elevation of about 60,000 feet over the course of two hours before bursting and falling to earth. We expected it to land near Berlin, N.H., but believe that the balloon ascended more slowly than we anticipated, and thus travelled for a longer time and distance before popping. The

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Gould dedicates IDEAS Center

BY AMY CHAPMAN

"Maine is made up of people who are doers, makers, and problem solvers, and this school is firmly rooted in that tradition," said Gould Academy Head of School Matt Ruby, addressing a gathering Saturday at the dedication of the school's new IDEAS Center.

The entire lower level of Hanscom Hall, the main classroom building at the center of the Gould campus, has been transformed into a space where students can collaborate to innovate, design, build, and problem-solve.

The move to create the IDEAS Center (the acronym stands for Innovation, Design, Entrepreneurship, Arts, and Sci-

ences) began after Gould alumna and longtime English teacher and librarian Sara Shiffrin toured the Innovation Lab at the Nueva School in Hillsboro, Calif., in 2012.

Nueva, an independent school serving students in pre-K through grade 12, has been a pioneer in the concepts of inquiry-based learning and problem-solving through design thinking.

The IDEAS Center at Gould puts nearly every imaginable tool at the disposal of students and faculty, from hand saws and power woodworking tools to CNC routers, and from sewing machines to 3D printers. A soundproof media room equipped with a green screen and audio and visual equipment pro-

vides a space for recording music and video.

"This is stuff that I wish had existed when I was in high school," said Gould's Maker-in-Residence, Billy Ayotte.

Ayotte, who grew up in western Maine, studied computer technology at Central Maine Community College. He has previously worked in IT at Lesley University and at his alma mater, Oxford Hills High School, where he helped to renovate the engineering program at the technical school.

He was hired by Gould last year to facilitate students' use of design equipment. He began working out of a small start-up makerspace that was housed in

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Former CPS student passes audition on 'American Idol'



Chandler Leighton sings for American Idol. American Idol

A young woman who got her start in music in Bethel earned the right last week to go to "Hollywood Week" of the TV show "American Idol."

Chandler Leighton, 19, is the daughter of Melissa Arnson, a 1976 graduate of Gould Academy.

In 2003 Arnson returned to Bethel from Los Angeles to work at Gould, and brought her two daughters and son with her.

Chandler was in second grade.

"She was in all the school plays at Crescent Park, and all the dance productions with Sue Farrar," said Arnson.

Chandler attended CPS from second through fifth grades, before returning to Los Angeles with her family.

In middle school she participated in school musicals and choir and in high school Chandler was very active in the choir.

A self-taught guitarist, she's now a freshman at San Francisco State University, majoring in audio production engineering. She describes herself on her Facebook page as "your local coffeshop singer."

In an e-mail Friday, Arnson described her daughter's path over the years

that led to American Idol: "She spent five summers at Wyonegonic Camp getting the leads in the summer musicals. She has always loved singing and used YouTube to teach herself the guitar."

"She wanted to be a voice major in college, but I think realized she didn't want to sing coffee houses until she's 40, so changed to a career where she could actually get a job when she graduates and still love being in the business of music."

"Chandler has her own YouTube channel and has continued to record and post music through high school. She has recorded with friends in their studio and does beautiful 'covers' of songs she loves."

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Woodstock in the 20th century:

Tourists, wood products, telephones

BY AMY CHAPMAN

(Note: this is the final installment in a series looking back at Woodstock history, in anticipation of the kickoff of its bicentennial celebration Feb. 7.)

Following the gala held in 1915 to celebrate its first centennial, during which 3000 spectators poured into the town of 800 residents, Woodstock continued to grow at a moderate pace, increasing in population by about 50 percent over its next 100 years.

Summer visitors increased as well. Lake Christopher Lodge, built in 1904 by Mortimer Wiske, opened to guests as Birch Villa Inn in 1921. Catering to well-to-do vacationers and celebrities, it included a music camp and employed a number of local residents.

In 1916, William and Besie Ellery built Dreamhome, a large Colonial Revival summer cottage,

based on a house that came to Mrs. Ellery in a dream. The house stands on the west shore of Lake Christopher, half in Woodstock and half in Greenwood, on a property that originally consisted of 125 acres, including a half-mile of lake frontage. Dreamhome is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The wood products industry continued to be a mainstay of the local economy throughout most of the 20th century.

The L.M. Mann & Sons Clothespin Factory, which burned in 1905, was rebuilt between 1921 and 1923, and manufactured wooden clothespins until 1970. The building was later remodeled and became the Boiler Room Restaurant; it is now Lake Christopher Condominiums.

In 1928, the Stowell Silk Spool Company purchased the village's oldest wood turning mill, built in 1880 by Captain John Dear-

born. The mill, which was sold in 1985, continued to produce turned wooden parts for toys, lamps, hardware and furniture under the Stowell Products, Inc. name until the late 1980s, when it was closed and sold at auction.

Educational institutions
A new schoolhouse was built behind the Baptist Church in 1915, replacing the original village school on Summit Street, where classes had been held since 1857. An addition in 1921 nearly doubled the size of the building, and a gymnasium was constructed in 1934. In 1959, an industrial arts building was added.

In the 1960s, the town joined Greenwood, Newry, Bethel, and Andover to form Maine School Administrative District 44, and Woodstock students in grades 7-12 were bused to Telstar Middle and High School when it opened in 1968. After the 1915 school building was condemned, the new Woodstock Elementary School opened on Rumford Avenue in 1987.

The Freeman-Waterhouse estate on the shore of Lake Christopher, including the Stone House built in 1892, was donated to the state of Maine in the 1950s for use as a conservation education center. It operated as the Maine Con-

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Letters

VOTE FOR 'BROOKSIE'

To the Editor:

To the residents of the town of Newry: I am writing this to show my support for my father Albert Brooks Morton II in his re-election bid for the town of Newry.

My dad is a lifelong resident of Newry with an intrinsic love and appreciation for its natural beauty and resources. He has a boundless knowledge of the history and legends of the town and its past inhabitants. Those who truly know him see him as gentle, caring, humble and compassionate. With infinite generosity, he is a man who would do anything for his children and the people he loves. He has taught me the importance of showing one's true self to others without pretense. A truly unique individual, his ideas, beliefs, political leanings and principles cannot be pigeonholed or categorized.

As selectman, my dad has always fought for the townspeople in Newry to have a greater voice and for an unrestricted access to the town's information. He believes that residents should have full disclosure in all aspects of the town's business, exemplified in his insistence that the annual Town Report be made available again after a long absence. My father has also worked hard, against adversity, to ensure that the Town Office is operating within the rule of law and has done much research to help bring the areas where the law wasn't being followed into compliance.

Fair and open practices without conflict of interest is also a great concern of my dad. In a small town with a large corporation it's easy for the special interests and representation of said corporation to outweigh those of the residents. I know that my dad has a strong moral compass when it comes to his service to the town and it's residents. A moral compass that doesn't point to South Ridge. He has told me many times that his only special interest group is the townspeople. I have spent many long hours with him talking about the virtues of true democracy and how it is the citizen's duty to uphold it.

Recently a lot of negativity has been sent his way, in the form of multiple anonymous threatening phone calls in the middle of the night warning him against running for selectman as well as his e-mail provider warning him that somebody has been attempting to repeatedly login to his account from a local IP address. His response has been true to his character, shrug it off and stay focused and optimistic.

My father "Brooksie" is one of the hardest working people that I know, the amount of time and research he has put into his current office is immense. I am confident that my dad is the right choice for selectman for the town of Newry. If the voters decide otherwise then I am comforted that he will be no less vocally active in his advocacy for a fair, democratic and open government in the town that he loves.

Joshua Brooks Morton
Newry

WHY NEWRY PANEL WON'T WRITE LETTERS

To the Editor:

While we disagree with the reasoning in Marcel Polak's letter to The Bethel Citizen (Jan. 22), we respect Marcel's right to express his views. But we do not plan to respond to his or other such letters. We were appointed under state statutes by the Town of Newry to negotiate a withdrawal agreement. Our duty is to the citizens of Newry to carry out this assignment.

We have made what we consider a reasonable and attractive proposal and are now waiting for the SAD 44 withdrawal committee to respond. We intend to negotiate in good faith with that committee and expect it to do the same. When and as appropriate we will report on the progress of these negotiations, and we warmly welcome suggestions and comments from the citizens to whom we are legally accountable.

We prefer to do our job in this way rather than engage in a public war of words with others with whom we hope to work productively to reach our assigned goal.

On an informational note, our agendas and minutes for our meetings and other documents related to withdrawal are available on the "Withdrawal Committee" link on Newry's website: newrymaine.org.

Jim Sysko
Chairman, Newry Withdrawal Committee

CORRECTION

SNOWFALL AMOUNTS-The amount of snow recorded in Bethel in last Tuesday's storm has been reported at between 14 and 18 inches.

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NEWRY STATEMENT MISLEADING

To the Editor:

The recent statement of the Newry Withdrawal Committee sought to "emphasize three key points" regarding what would happen should Newry vote to withdraw from SAD 44. Each of these three listed points is misleading and deserves to be challenged.

First, the statement says that Newry residents will be able to choose what schools their children attend. Yes, this will be true if Newry withdraws, but it also will be true if Newry does not withdraw, and it is even true now. Some SAD 44 kids already go to other districts, at no cost, through Superintendents' Agreements. Also it is, was, and will be true that Newry kids can go to private schools if admitted and if willing to pay.

Second, the statement says that "Newry will continue to provide financing to SAD 44." Well, Newry's contributions would continue only for a while, petering out to zero in five years. The body of the Statement makes this clear, but the second "key point" skips that part.

Third, the statement says that "Newry will contribute targeted funds to SAD 44... through citizen involvement." The body of the statement says that these amounts "would be determined annually by voters of the town." With or without withdrawal from SAD 44, Newry town meeting voters could volunteer to give SAD 44 more money than they are obliged to by law. They've never done so, but in theory they could. However, if Newry cannot come up with the 1/3 of those voting that it will take to prevent withdrawing from SAD 44, how likely are they later to come up with the 1/2 of those voting that it would take to contribute voluntary funds to SAD 44?

Scott Hynek
Bethel

From the Woodstock Town Office

You may have already heard that the Town of Woodstock will be 200 years old on Feb. 7, 2015. The Act to Establish Woodstock was signed on Feb. 7, 1815 by the Massachusetts legislature.

That being said, the Town is planning to Celebrate! We will be kicking off the events on, you guessed it, Feb. 7, 2015. We will be meeting at the Woodstock Fire Station from 1 to 3 p.m. at the invitation of the Woodstock Board of Selectmen.

Please join us. You may hear a town crier disrupt the meeting on more than one occasion. You will probably hear a conversation from the days of the Ring Down telephone system. (It could be funny!) There will be singing, poems and what we hope will be good amount of storytelling.

Also we are planning to provide you with a taste of what might have been served for food in 1815. The brown bread is good; I've already had a taste, I'll say no more. I have heard that several members of long standing Woodstock families will be at the meeting to share memories of days past.

You will also have the opportunity to add your special dates to an especially prepared 1815-2015 timeline. What date is special to you? I can tell you too that a carefully prepared "Woodstock Passport" will be available for those of you who are adventurous. Prizes will be given to those adventurous souls who go to all 11 locations, between now and June 21, 2015. Should be fun.

I am looking forward to these events and more. Just to dangle a carrot in front of you, during our Celebration Weekend on June 20 & 21, 2015 there will be a Grand Parade at 11:00 AM, a chicken barbeque at noon, and a Fireworks display at 9:00 PM.

Be sure to look in next week's Bethel Citizen for more details. I hope I have given you just enough to encourage you to join us on Feb. 7. Snow or bad weather date will be Feb. 8.

That is part of what is happening in Woodstock. Stayed tuned for more.
Vern Maxfield
Town Manager

From your state representative

After carefully reviewing the proposed Tax Reform and Relief Plan, I would like to identify several important considerations. As with all proposed legislation, we are still very early in the session for bills to be finalized. I expect that the finished product may look different than what is available now.

The proposed budget will make Maine more competitive while simplifying existing tax code. I believe that many of the income tax breaks will let lower and middle class families keep more of the money they work hard for. I have always believed that we, the people, deserve the opportunity to make our own decisions with the funds we earn. Mainers will find it more affordable to stay here after retirement once pensions are exempt from state income tax (up to \$35,000). I also believe that doubling the home-stead exemption will allow senior citizens to be guarded from local property tax increases, giving them an exemption on the first \$20,000 of home value. This will also help seniors stay in their homes.

In additional good news for senior citizens, I am proud to report that there is a proposal to increase the property tax fairness credit from \$900 to \$1,500 for a filer over 65 years of age. These tax relief measures have been designed to help older residents.

I was also pleased to see that Maine could join 22 other states in not taxing the pensions of veterans. This is a step in the right direction on behalf of our service men and women.

While the earliest versions of the budget may not be perfect, the difficult decisions ahead will be made easier by finding common ground with all members of the 127th legislature, regardless of party affiliation. The budget, as proposed, is nowhere near the version that we should expect to see later in the legislative session. Although this budget features many sensible and responsible measures, I understand that some of my constituents have concerns about different aspects of the proposal. I am always eager to listen to my neighbors in order to learn of new perspectives regarding upcoming bills. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. It is through your input that I can best be able to represent the people of our district.

The most important consideration in these early stages is to recognize that none of the current language is finalized, and the appropriations committee will be diligently reviewing each and every item within the proposed budget. I am looking forward to keeping my constituents updated through this biweekly column, and online with facebook.

I would also like to recognize the efforts of countless Mainers who worked through the blizzard last week in order to keep our roads clear, and our neighbors safe. While many of us were able to stay warm at home, let's not forget the snow plow drivers and first responders who worked through the night in order for the rest of us to get to work in a timely and safe manner.

Fran Mills Head

TPP ROOT CAUSE ISSUE

To the Editor:

I'm trying to focus more on the ROOT CAUSE issues these days. You know, the ones which, once identified and effectively addressed, will also resolve many related issues. That is also to say that, unless we do attack the Root Cause issues, we will continue to squander precious time and resources to little or no enduring result. Thoreau said it better than most: "There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root."

Since our very beginnings, too many Americans have apparently thought that our Declaration, Constitution and Civil War were "one and done" issues; once addressed, we could dust ourselves off and go home to enjoy a rosy future, forever. Way too many of us forgot what happens when We The People forget and neglect the daily diligence required to maintain our democracy. When that happens, lethal forces emerge to attack our weakened state.

For those who choose to take a serious look, it is evident that America is facing a threat every bit as dire as that presented by early corporatists, King George III and the East India Company. The "Trans Pacific Partnership" agreement, (TPP) exhibits the same soulless, anti-human behavior, striving to control government and bend humanity to the imperatives of quarterly bottom lines.

TPP is the latest and most insidious form of corporatist overreach. It is the product of a chronic Root Pathology in our body politic, attacking our vital electoral, legislative and media organs. Corporatists are now confident enough to roll out their latest mutation and it's well rooted and fertilized in corporate money. It was not built in the sunlight of open democratic process mind you. Rather, TPP was designed by a select corporate few in high secrecy so as not to ignite firestorms of civil reaction as have occurred since Seattle, (1999) and at other trade related summits around the globe.

It doesn't have to be that way. But in order to prevent theft of our hard-won, sovereign rights and controls, we must wake to the realities of that threat and combat it with our collective energies just as we've done with every major threat in our history. Fortunately, strong and focused organizations already exist to oppose corporatists. We must seek them out, arm ourselves with solid facts and get busy. We must support those in our government who are working hard to defeat the Root Pathology of corporatism. TPP is the latest metastasis of it. The time to act is now, citizen -and we don't have any time to waste.

Seabury Lyon
Bethel

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

10 years ago: Work was underway on the 400-foot, multipurpose recreational bridge across the Androscoggin next to Route 2.

Greenwood selectmen presented Helen Chase with the town's Boston Post Case Births: Raymond Sullivan McKnight, Carter Graiver Hart, Morgan Alexandra Pike, Amy Eugene Spencer.

Deaths: Pamela Cruickshank, Virginia G. Hood, Carroll L. Luxton, Richard E. Walker, Annie Marion Parsons, Louis J. Sciotte, Sr., Chester M. Gammon, Ella E. Hazelton

20 years ago: Pipes burst at the Telstar complex, causing extensive water damage and forcing cancellation of two days of high- and middle-school classes.

Employees at P.H. Chadbourne Co. racked up an impressive 538 work days without a lost-time accident - either in the mill or in the woods. The previous record was 285 days.

Births: Ashton Christopher Samala, Joshua Arnold Rainey.

Deaths: Ervin Demers, Christine G. Hanscom, Charles S. Haselton.

30 years ago: Third graders from Crescent Park School visited Bonnama Poters. They watched a demonstration and had some hands-on experience making pots from "ropes" of clay.

Eight Webelos Scouts and six Boy Scouts accompanied by Ray and Janice Harrington and Rodney Hanscom participated in a six-mile hike on Long Mountain.

Birth: Elissa Ann Buzard. Deaths: Charles T. Hamilton, Walden A. Ryder.

40 years ago: Ruth D. Grover purchased Rolfe's Apparel Shop on Main Street from Ruby Rolfe.

Regional High School skiers successfully defended their MVC title, winning the championship for the third year in a row.

Birth: Tracy Jo Bachelder. Deaths: Arthur W. Luce, Waldo E. Merrill

50 years ago: The senior class at Gould Academy presented three one-act plays, "Two Crooks and a Lady," "Ah, Sweet Mystery," and "The Game of Chess."

Stanley Moore joined the U.S. Army Reserve, and left for six months training at Fort Dix, N.J.

Births: Sheila Melissa Blake, Belinda Jean Abbott.

Deaths: Henry Durgin, Harley W. Hart, Ellsworth D. Curtis, Mrs. Margaret B. Alpers.

60 years ago: The Bethel Red & White Store and building owned by Stuart Martin of Rumford Point was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaw of South Portland.

The main building of the Stowell Silk Spool Co. plant at Bryant Pond was totally destroyed by fire.

Births: Diana Lorraine Smith, Bruce Francis Merrill.

Death: Mrs. Genevra Tuell

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. John Gilman and family of Reading, Mass., moved to the Ames homestead on Main Street.

Mary Lou Chapman, Dorothy York, Barbara Wilson and Katherine Kellogg, all of Bethel were included in leading roles in the Gould Academy senior play, "Junior Miss."

Death: George Harding Tucker.

80 years ago: Ice harvesting proceeded under difficulties. At Gunther's ice pond it was necessary to remove about six feet of snow.

The buildings of Charles Cone, Milton, were burned.

Deaths: Mrs. James Swan, Mrs. Emma M. Miller.

90 years ago: The foundation for the feldspar plant at West Paris was being constructed.

J. E. Norton Shaw, Official Bird Observer, appointed by Massachusetts State Ornithologist, spent several days in Bethel. He reported seeing seventeen varieties of birds.

The home of George Mason, in Locke's Mills burned. Death: Harlan Smith

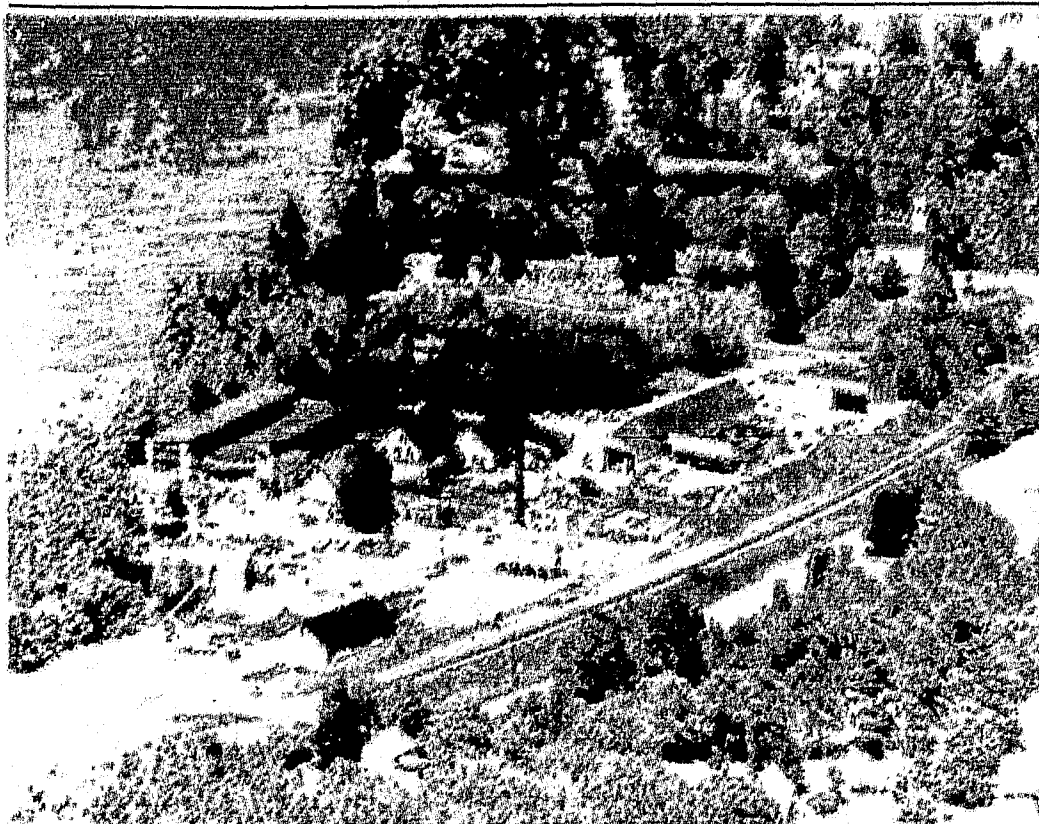
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A 1971 aerial view of the Stowell Products mill on the shore of Lake Christopher. Woodstock Historical Society



An original switchboard from the Bryant Pond Telephone Company is on display at the Woodstock Historical Society Museum. A. Chapman

servation Camp from 1958 until 2008, when it became the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center.

Eleanor Bryant Whitman's 1908 gift to the town of \$1,500 to construct a library came to fruition with the opening of the Whitman Memorial Library in the summer of 1916. Also included in her bequest, according to the

library's listing on the National Historic Register: \$500 for furnishings and \$4,000 for "good moral books of history, biography, scientific and miscellaneous works to be deposited in the building when erected and finished."

Bryant Pond Telephone Company

In the early 1980s, the village of Bryant Pond gained fame as the home of the na-

tion's last hand-crank magnetophone system.

The Bryant Pond Telephone Company got its start in Dudley's store (now Breaux's Too) in the late 1920s, eventually moving into a separate location.

Elden and Barbara Hathaway purchased the company in 1951 for \$2,500. They moved the switchboard to their Rumford

Avenue home, and ran it from their living room for more than thirty years.

In 1981, when they decided to retire, the Hathaways sold the independent phone company to Oxford County Telephone and Telegraph.

It took two years to convert to a dial system, and during that time the "Don't Yank the Crank" campaign was organized to try to save the hand-crank system.

TIME Magazine, People, and The Christian Science Monitor all featured stories about the phone company and its die-hard devotees, and the Hathaways appeared on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson.

Progress ultimately prevailed, however, and the last "crank call" was made on Oct. 11, 1983, according to Everything Happened Around the Switchboard, a book written in the 1990s by the Hathaways' son Michael, which chronicles growing up with the phone company.

One of the company's switchboards is now housed at the Woodstock Historical Society Museum. Another was donated to the Maine State Museum and in 2006 was used as part of an exhibit, "Call Your Mother: Communication and Community in Bryant Pond," which also included photographs and memorabilia from the Hathaway family.

In 2008, nationally known sculptor Gil Whitman, a Woodstock resident and a cousin of Elden Hathaway, built a 14-foot replica of an old-fashioned hand-crank telephone for the Bryant Pond common. The statue was dedicated in a ceremony held on the 25th anniversary of the last crank call.

Thanks to the Woodstock Historical Society for information included in this article, much of which is contained in Ruby Emery's History of Woodstock, Maine, 1797-1988. Copies of Emery's booklet, reprinted by the society in honor of the town's bicentennial, are available for purchase at the Woodstock Town Office.

Idol

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Chandler Leighton, center, with her siblings Austin and Alex, and her mom, Melissa. Submitted photo

"Idol reached out to her from seeing her singing on her Instagram account, and invited her to audition by means of 'bypassing' the mass auditions. She was invited to the San Fran auditions which was the last stop of a nationwide city audition tour that included New York, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Kansas City and Nashville.

"She earned her spot to go to Hollywood Week by earning the 'golden ticket' this week. They actually got a golden ticket if the

judges liked them and voted them through."

The first week of Hollywood Week (which features the contestants in recorded video performances) was scheduled to air Feb. 4 (yesterday), Arnson said.

The show will air live later in February.

"After Chandler's audition she was so excited by the outpouring of support and love," said Arnson. "She was even getting 'tweets' from prior year idol winners and contestants."

Balloon

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payload landed in National Forest land about 3/4 mile south of Pooh Corner Farm Greenhouse & Florist on Bog Road. Two students and I traveled there on Thursday of last week, snowshoed into the woods, and found the payload and parachute stuck about 40 feet up in a tree. After throwing sticks at it for a while as it grew darker, we decided to leave it for later retrieval. One of the students returned with his father over the weekend and were able to retrieve it after severing a cord by shooting it with birdshot.

"Our first balloon travelled higher and farther east earlier in the week (it landed near Onawa lake, northeast of Monson). We

lost contact with that balloon for 10 days, until it 'awoke' and alerted us to its location.

"Both projects were part of our school's new 'January Term,' a three-week session of project-based classes. The students I worked with were divided into four teams, each responsible for a critical aspect of the project: Ascent, Descent, Payload, and Media/Outreach. From building the payload to ordering the helium, all design, building, and testing was up to the students."

For video of the project and a high-altitude view from the first balloon, which rose to almost 90,000 feet, go to tinyurl.com/spaceviking.

Newry

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from withdrawing."

But that was not how Andrews saw it.

"I disagree. I didn't come on this committee in favor of withdrawal. I came on the committee because I wanted to be independent, to try to have another voice," he said. "As we've proceeded with certain plans, I've gotten more and more persuaded, but my vote as a citizen is not assured. Our job as a committee is to produce a withdrawal plan. Our job as a committee is not to withdraw. It's up to the Newry voters."

Dr. Mark Eastman, the committee's educational consultant, wondered if the SAD 44 board's vote was intended to provide a negotiating position. If so, he said, "What are they going to offer as a concession?" After hearing Polak's statement from the School Board meeting he added, "It's too bad they added 'legally.'"

Control and curriculum

At that point, Wight asked his question: "Do we know what Newry wants?"

He said over the last three committee meetings he has attended, he has heard discussion about controlling the school curriculum, possibly saving money, and possibly not saving money.

"I haven't heard anything about creating some kind of a new means of educating children that's going to be better for Newry to be out," he said.

Sysko said a "Targeted Grant" portion of the withdrawal proposal would be aimed at improving education and giving Newry more control of curriculum at its annual Town Meeting. "Finally, we'll have a say," he said.

"We do have a say, but we don't have as much of a say as other people," said

Wight, referring to Newry's current voting power on the School Board.

"Not a say proportionate to the amount we're spending," clarified Sysko.

"It's not based on money, it's based on people," replied Wight.

"If it's based on population, we should be paying to SAD 44 based on the number of pupils we have," Sysko said.

Wight went on to question whether the favorable vote to enter the withdrawal process was really the overwhelming intent of the voters.

He said that at a public hearing last summer ahead of the vote, his impression was that the voter sentiment was generally, "I guess it doesn't hurt to look at it."

"Your job would have to be to convince those people that there's a really good reason to get out," Wight told the committee.

Committee member Bonnie Largess, who also represents Newry on the SAD 44 board, agreed with Wight's take on voter sentiment.

"I've heard from many people: 'Is there an alternative?' They just didn't want to leave. 'Well, let's look at it and see what happens,'" she said.

Andrews said that was a misconception, because the law and the wording of the vote was very clear that a withdrawal plan was the committee's goal.

"Our job is to present the citizens an agreement, not to write a new curriculum for Telstar," he said.

But Wight wanted to know "what you're going to end up with for a curriculum for Newry."

Committee member Brooks Morton said, "I don't think we had that conversation yet. We've been focused on just the

money part."

Eastman said looking at alternatives other than withdrawal would probably have been a step best taken before going ahead with the withdrawal plan process.

Sysko, however, said a strong indicator to look at withdrawal was that the town voted against the last SAD 44 budget.

"The sentiment of the town was 'We better look at something different. We're not going to vote for that budget,'" he said. "And the evidence is the budgets are stacked high on administration and low on instructional."

"Talk about wrong information," replied Largess.

The panel elected at that point to move on to other discussion and then went into executive session to plan for negotiations.

Amended statement

In other business at the meeting, the committee voted unanimously to add a new section to a statement they released Jan. 14 regarding their initial proposal to SAD 44 for a withdrawal agreement (see Jan. 15 Citizen or withdrawal committee page on Newry's website, www.newrymaine.org).

The new section was requested by Largess and reads as follows: "The Withdrawal Committee recognizes that, because Newry has a higher property valuation than other towns in SAD 44, the mill rate that Newry taxpayers pay to support SAD 44 is comparable to the educational mill rate paid by other towns in the district. In the view of a majority of the Withdrawal Committee, and many Newry residents, this does not justify applying a special funding formula in SAD 44 that applies to no other school district in the state except

one. As a result of this special funding formula, for the past decade the other towns in SAD 44 have contributed significantly less toward support of education in SAD 44 than they would have contributed in any other school district in the state, with the sole exception of SAD 6."

The committee also approved wording clarification for a point made regarding Newry parents' ability to choose what schools their schools attend. They added the choice would be from a list provided by the Maine Department of Education.

The committee will meet next on Feb. 16 at 5:15 p.m. at the Newry Town Office.

Sysko said the committee hopes to start meeting with the SAD 44 subcommittee shortly after that date.

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School Spirit Challenge victory within reach

BY AMY CHAPMAN

Since returning to school from Christmas break, Gould Academy students have raised enough money to purchase 40,000 pounds of food for Mainers in need this winter. They hope to more than double that amount in the next few weeks.

Gould is one of nine Maine high schools participating in the WGME

School Spirit Challenge, vying to raise the largest amount of food for the Good Shepherd Food Bank. The winning school will be awarded a trophy, and will have half of their donation donated directly to their local food pantry.

The food bank, located in Auburn, is a clearinghouse organization that collects and distributes food to hundreds of food pantries, meal sites,

senior centers, and other community programs throughout the state, including the Bethel Food Pantry, which is directed by Gould faculty member Dave Bean.

Because the Good Shepherd Food Bank is able to purchase food and distribute it to local food pantries at a deep discount, Gould Academy Board of Trustees Chair Wendy Penley said cash donations go

much further than donations of actual food. "They can buy several pounds of food—four dollars' worth—for each dollar we are able to raise," she said.

Sanford High School won the fall School Spirit Challenge with a donation equivalent to 93,729 pounds of food. Penley said that, in the spirit of friendly competition, Gould's goal is to surpass that

amount and raise enough money to purchase 100,000 pounds of food.

Anyone wishing to help with Gould's effort to win the competition and aid in feeding the more than 178,000 Mainers helped by the Good Shepherd Food Bank is encouraged to donate.

Checks can be made payable to the Good Shepherd Food Bank and mailed to Darcy Lambert, Director

of Marketing and Communications, Gould Academy, P.O. Box 860, Bethel, ME 04217.

A camera crew from WGME visited Gould on Jan. 16 to film footage for their morning news program, "Good Day Maine." Clips from the show can be viewed at the WGME School Spirit Challenge website, www.wgme.com/news/features/school-spirit-challenge.

Gould

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Gould Head of School Matt Ruby speaks at the dedication of the IDEAS Center.

Dirk MacKnight/Gould Academy

one room of the recently renovated Sanborn Family Library on Hanscom Hall's main level.

The renovation of the building's lower level provides open studio space where up to 50 students at a time can work independently, with faculty members, or in small groups.

A gift from the Tony and Renee Marlon Foundation helped to make the IDEAS Center possible, said Gould Director of Marketing and Communications Darcy Lambert. The Marlons' grandson Hunter is a member of Gould's class of 2016.

The architect for the \$2.9 million project was Scott Simons of Portland, who also designed the 2012 renovation of the Sanborn Family Library. Peter Warren of Warren Construction Group in Freeport headed up the construction team.

"This renovation ushers in a new age of learning at Gould Academy, but a new age based on a culture that goes way back in the school's history and the history of Maine," said Ruby.

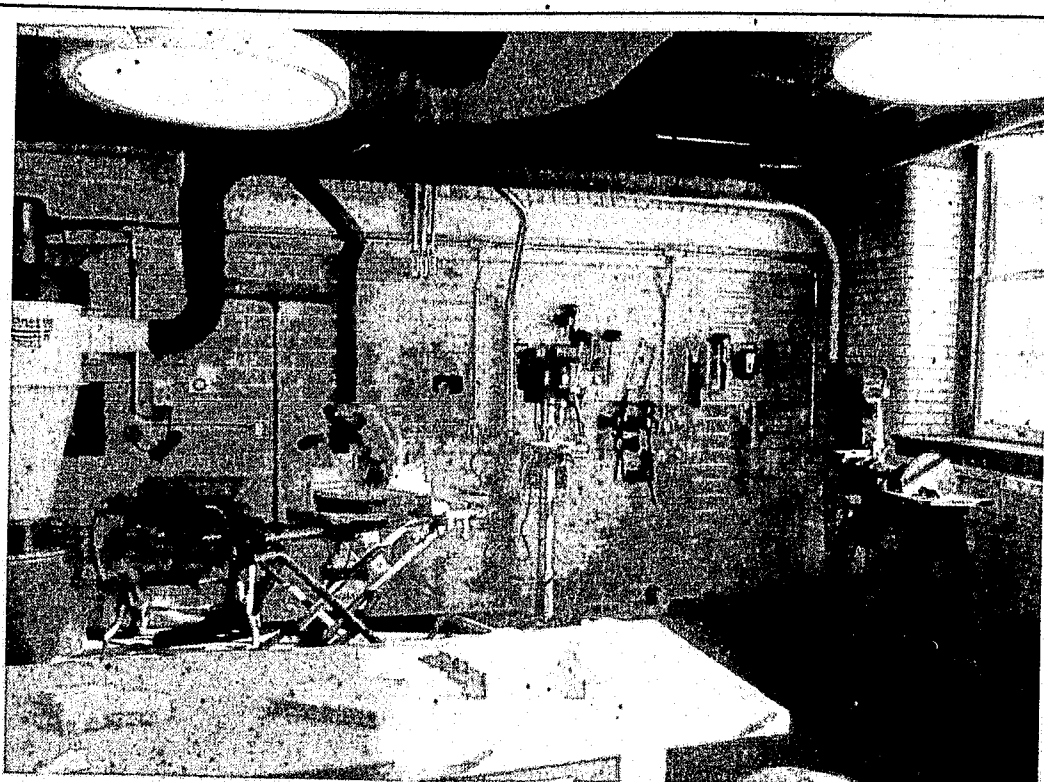
Great ideas are born of collaboration, he said, as well as access to the tools

and space needed for experimentation.

"Entrepreneurs are rarely right the first time, and they rarely work alone," Ruby said.

This is true of the work not only of inventors and entrepreneurs, but also of people in the arts and sciences, as well as professionals in social sciences and medicine, he told the crowd, which included trustees; present and former students, parents, and faculty; and community members.

The newly renovated space is also home to a new school store, a mail-



A "rapid prototype development center," equipped with state-of-the-art woodworking tools, is located in the same area of the lower level of Hanscom Hall that several decades ago housed the school's traditional woodworking shop.

A. Chapman

room, and the Kunkle Student Center, assuring its status as the heart of the campus.

"Traditionally, all the action was assigned to classrooms," said Ruby. "It will now be in a space that belongs to the kids."

Announcing the naming of the Student Center for former Head of School Dan Kunkle and his wife, Kathy, Ruby said the Kunkles "guided the school through a time of extraordinary growth," and laid the foundation for the innovative renovation of Hanscom Hall.

"The Kunkle Student Center has been open for less than a month," said Ruby, "but it is already living up to its name," providing a place for students

to gather for snacking, socializing, and collaborative work.

Faculty member Randy Autrey now teaches his aeronautics and robotics classes in the IDEAS Center, where students have ready access to tools and technology to complete hands-on projects.

He said students will be using the new space for classes and independent projects across all academic disciplines.

"Math classes have been meeting here, using the white boards to work on problems," said Autrey. "The kids can write their own work on the boards, then switch places," enabling them to share different approaches to solving the same problem.

The moveable white boards allow the IDEAS Center to be configured in any number of ways, from a completely open space where many students can work together on a large collaborative project to small enclosed areas that let them focus their attention on a particular aspect of design or an individual problem.

The furniture, too, is made to be easily moved. Tables, desks, and stools can be separated or grouped as needed, and students can move from one design area to the next to work on different aspects of a project.

"Everything moves and everything changes," said Autrey. "It's a very dynamic place to teach."

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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

On many occasions in the past I have sort of picked on the men. Their obsession with the remote control, their lack of understanding the language that women speak and their refusal to ever admit when they are wrong are only a few of the issues I have raised, good naturedly, of course. Now I find myself having to give men of this world credit where credit is due. I won't go so far as to say that they are smarter than women as a general rule, but I recently discovered one area that they really seem to have their act together.

First let me tell you that I am not a big fan of going to the supermarket and usually put it off until I have no alternative. I know many women who feel the same way because figuring out what to buy and stay within a budget is such a chore.

Because of my grocery shopping attitude I never, never go to the supermarket first thing in the morning, at least I didn't until the other day.

There were a couple of items that I desperately needed and knew I wouldn't have time to pick them up on my way home from my part-time job. I decided to leave for work early and stop at the supermarket on the way to work. I discovered immediately upon entering the store that just about all the shoppers at that hour were men.

These men were not there to pick up only a couple of items like I was, these men were doing serious grocery shopping

and some I noticed even consulted shopping list (I always seem to leave my list home) and I even saw one man looking through a stack of coupons checking to make sure he has the right items.

It amazed me how quickly these men seemed to be getting the chore done. The store was not crowded and the men could move through the aisles with ease. Wow! What a concept!

I made my purchases and drove away puzzling

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in my mind the mystery of the Friday morning male shoppers.

The next morning, being Saturday, I discovered I was out of eggs and bread that I needed to make my husband's Saturday morning French toast. Much to my chagrin off to the supermarket I went first darn thing in the morning once again. And what to my wondering eyes should appear...

many men buying groceries... not beer. Once again there were full shopping carts, some men consulting shopping lists and though I didn't see any coupons, I bet there were some. Once again I was stunned. I asked my son who is af-

ter all a man even though I still think of him as my little boy, what his thoughts were on the early morning male shoppers.

"Ma, that's easy to understand," he said. Then he proceeded to educate me to the fact that men do in fact share some chores with their working wives so doing the grocery shopping is one way to do that. "We're not all couch potatoes you know!"

He further went on to explain that a man has better things to do during the day and rather get the grocery shopping out of the way so he can do those better things later.

"Besides Ma," my little boy went on, "women spend as much time socializing in the supermarket as they do buying groceries so they go later when they will see more of their friends. Men get in early, get the job done and then go do things they want to do."

What he said actually made sense to me as I thought about how many friends I see at the supermarket and always stop and chat a minute or two with each one.

So guys, I have to give you the nod and admit that you're a lot smarter when it comes to grocery shopping.

Now, if only you guys would learn the language of women, admit when you're wrong and turn the remote control over to the lady of the house, I guess the way I see it I would have to admit that you just may be a lot smarter than I ever gave you credit.

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Briefly

Public hearing on Newry ordinances

NEWRY-Newry will hold a public hearing Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office on two proposed new ordinances and changes to two others. A new parking ordinance would provide a basis for county enforcement in problem areas, particularly near hiking trails off Route 26. A new road entrance ordinance would regulate driveway construction entering onto town roads, outside of what is currently covered in the Unified Development Review Ordinance for subdivisions. Town officials said that some property owners have been establishing driveways on vacant lots without coming to the town for a permit. The proposal would require a permit that would include information such as sight distances. Ordinance changes are proposed to the UDRO fire suppression section, as well as to the ordinance governing the Planning Board. Planners recommend reducing the board members from seven to five, citing difficulty in getting people to serve. At Tuesday's regular selectmen's meeting, the board worked on details of the parking and road entrance ordinance proposals, as well as the proposed municipal budget that voters will consider at the March 3 annual Town Meeting. Election of town officials will take place separately beginning this year, with polls open March 2 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Office. Absentee ballots are available to vote for a selectman and two SAD 44 directors. Selectman Brooks Morton is seeking reelection and is being challenged for the three-year seat by former Selectman Jim Largess. School Director Bonnie Largess is running for a two-year term. School Director Whitney Gray is seeking to finish Deb Webster's remaining year. Selectmen are also considering holding a straw poll at the Town Meeting to determine whether residents want to take out a bond for approximately \$950,000 for reconstructing a section of the Sunday River Road from the Monkey Brook Road intersection to the gravel section, or divide up the work and fund it separately over three years. Selectmen meet next on Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Town Office.

G&W budget going down

WOODSTOCK-The G&W Transfer Station budget is expected to drop from about \$150,000 to \$140,000 for next year, Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield said Wednesday. The decline is the continuing result of a new waste disposal contract negotiated two years ago with the Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp., he said. The tipping fee has dropped by \$20 a ton. Woodstock and Greenwood selectmen worked on the station budget Tuesday. The Woodstock board also worked on town business, which included again approving \$500 for fireworks for Mollycoddett Days in Bethel. They also learned the town grader has been sent off to Skowhegan to get a new wing attachment to aid in clearing snow.

Bethel offers office for fluoride presentation

BY MATTHEW DAIGLE,
SUN MEDIA WIRE

Two weeks after a Bethel business owner requested 45 minutes of time during a May 11 public hearing to give information on fluoride in the town's water, the Board of Selectmen said last week they would schedule a separate informational session for her to present her data.

The town has added fluoride to the water supply since 1970.

Bethel business owner Sarah Lane brought evidence of health risks before the selectmen and asked for them to organize a town vote on whether to stop using it in the drinking water.

Lane, who is not a resident of Bethel, said there is evidence of fluoride being linked to brain damage.

Following an August 2014 public hearing at which

residents gave their opinions on the issue, the selectmen voted to postpone a special referendum town meeting scheduled for Sept. 8, 2014, and schedule it for June 9, 2015, a day before the town's annual town meeting.

The selectmen later scheduled a public hearing on May 11 for residents to voice their opinion on the issue.

Town Manager Christine Landes said she was concerned about having a 45-minute public hearing.

"The board offered the option for her to have some sort of informational session, where she can bring people to speak and

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



February is National Women's Heart Disease Awareness Month. Did you know that

heart disease is the number one killer of women in America? One in three women in America dies of heart disease or stroke. Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 6, is National Wear Red Day. It's a way to show support for women with heart disease and to educate about

OCSD Patrol Log

Wednesday, Jan. 28

At 2:14 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to a two-vehicle crash on Railroad Street in Bethel. There were no injuries reported.

At 8:58 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a report of a tractor trailer rollover on the overpass on Route 2 in Bethel. The trailer came unattached and rolled over. There were no injuries.

Thursday, Jan. 29

At 9:29 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of a threat from a juvenile. The deputy warned the juvenile about it.

At 4:10 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco received a complaint in Bethel about threats and harassment via social media. The complainant believed it originated out of state, and wanted the incident on record.

Friday, Jan. 30

At 7:52 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a report of a property damage accident on Broad Street in Bethel. There were no injuries and the offending vehicle was not located.

At 1:35 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney performed a peace officer detail in Bethel. Two parties were issued disorderly conduct warnings.

Saturday, Jan. 31

At 9:39 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer responded to Route 2 in Gilead for a single vehicle rollover in snow drifts and high winds. A subject was taken to the hospital for precautionary examination. Two small children in car seats had no injuries.

Sunday, Feb. 1

At 11:05 p.m. Deputies Steve Witham and Justin Brown responded to a Mayville Road business in Bethel for an issue with an intoxicated person. A subject was taken into custody for disorderly conduct.

Monday, Feb. 2

At 10:54 a.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to the intersection of Main Street and Parkway in Bethel for a report that a vehicle had hit a sign and the vehicle was damaged.

heart disease. Throughout February there will be other activities to make people aware of heart disease. If you're reading this Thursday morning, you still have time to attend today's To Your Health Program on Valvular Heart Disease at the West Parish Congregational Church from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The speaker is cardiologist Dr. Daniel E. van Buren. The program is sponsored by the Western Mountains Senior College.

It was extremely hard to measure the snow that Bethel got during last week's blizzard on Tuesday and the snowstorm on Friday. The wind kept moving the snow around. At one point I cleared a drift from the shed door that was taller than me. Admittedly, I am short, but it was still exciting. We didn't get quite the amount of snow that Lewiston got (a jackpot of 27 inches on Tuesday), but the storms still left us an abundance of snow on the trails and in the woods. The sledding, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing conditions are excellent right now. My favorite snowshoe condition is when I can break a new trail across fresh deep snow. There's plenty of it.

Last week's storms severely affected blood donations in the Northeast. There were more than 6,000 cancelled donations in January. Winter is always a

rough time for the American Red Cross, but this is a critical situation. The Red Cross is doing a blood drive at Mt. Abram (308 Howe Hill Road in Locke's Mills) on Sunday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can schedule an appointment by telephone (800-RED-CROSS), online (www.red-crossblood.org), or just walk-in.

If you like to participate in organized winter sports, the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend is coming up Feb. 13-15. The weekend, a project of the Maine Outdoor Coalition, is a series of events sponsored by outdoor organizations and companies to promote having fun outdoors. Events are planned in all sixteen Maine counties; they include skiing, snowshoeing, snow sculpture making, hiking, skating, camping, trekking and StoryWalks. In our area the Mahoosuc Land Trust and Western Mountains Senior College are hosting a "Take Your Sweetheart into the Woods" snowshoe hike on Saturday, Feb. 14. You can meet at the Mahoosuc Land Trust office on Route 2 at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the hike site in Andover, or go directly to Akers Ski Barn (off Church Street) in Andover at 10 a.m. The hike will be followed by lunch at Akers Ski Barn. A list of all the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend events is posted on the website at www.

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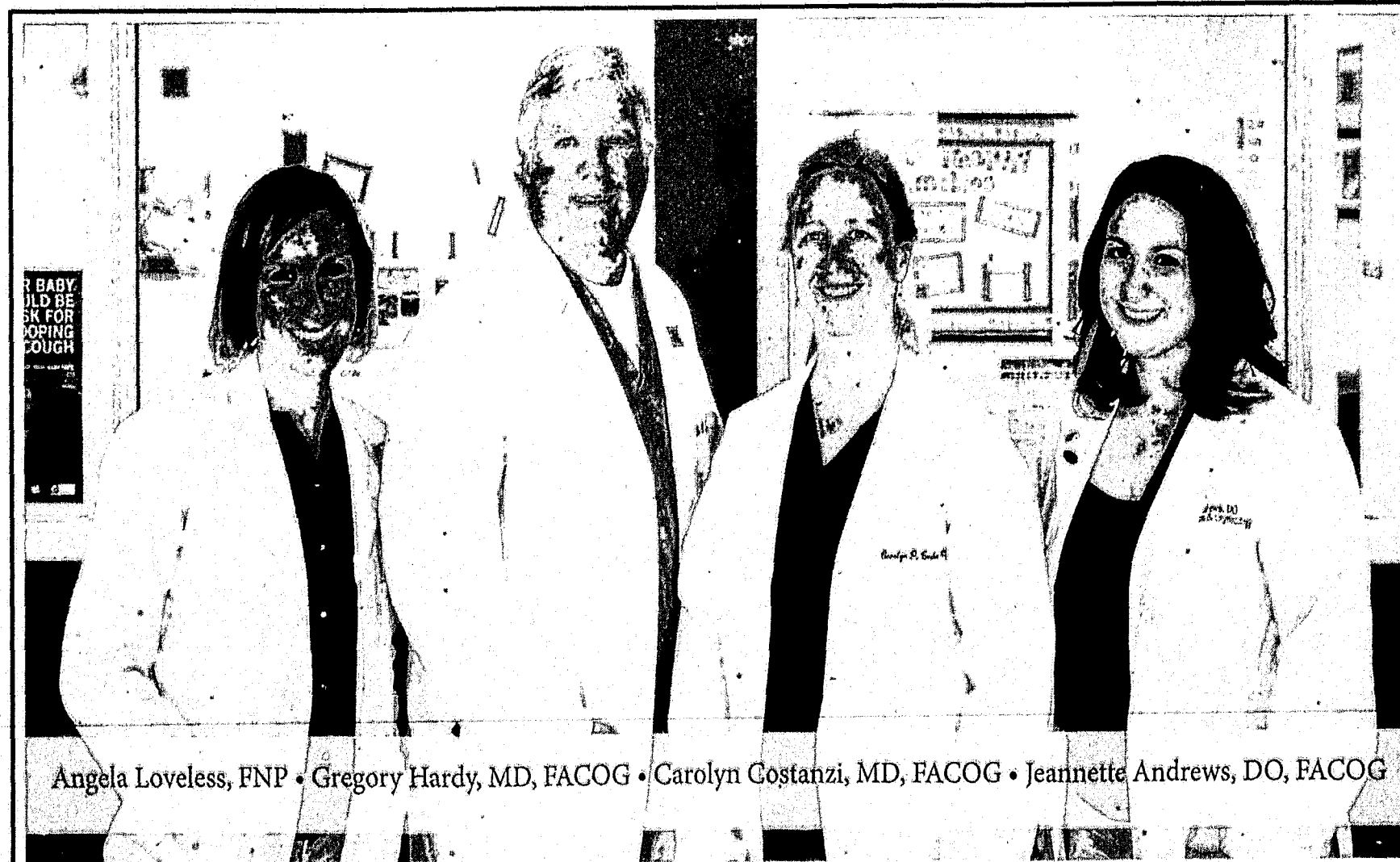
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Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 - a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on February 9, 2015 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License and Entertainment Permit renewal from Funky Red Barn, located at 19 Summer St., Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org
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East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



Congratulations to the New England Patriots. It was a great game and especially that game winning play by Butler. Here we are already again in the midst of another storm and more on the way in a couple of days. Sadly, over the week-

end my home phone completely broke and I couldn't make any calls to collect news. I will have a new phone ready to go in a few days to call you or for you to reach me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



Linda Presby has taken papers out for the one year position on our new Andover School Board. The filing date for papers is today, Feb. 5 with

the election taking place on March 24 following Town Meeting on March 21. There are multiple candidates for Road Commissioner and Selectman and two School Board seats to be filled. This is an important election for our town and hopefully a new direction not only for educating our children but all local government departments, so please mark your calendars now and be sure to vote.

The Snow Valley Sno-Gos are sponsoring a ride to the wind towers on Sunday, Feb. 15. Fee for the ride is \$10 and will include chili

and hot dogs at the clubhouse following the ride. If you register early or are a club member the fee is only \$8. Early registrants can call Dick Merrill at 392-3481 to do so.

On Feb. 14 ice fishing enthusiasts can try their luck at the annual Larry Mercer Memorial Derby on Roxbury Pond. The big prize for the tagged fish is \$2,000. Entry fee is \$10. The derby begins at 7 a.m.

Scott Farrington continues to maintain the skating rink behind the fire station and reports that it is being used. The other day some people were talking about

a past community skate day which would be a great event; all it needs is someone to organize it - is that you?

The National Honor Society at Telstar is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Cake and Cookie Sale. Cakes are \$10, cookies three for \$2 or \$5 a dozen. Goodies can be picked up at the high school main office on Feb. 13. Call 824-2136 to order and for further information.

Despite the cold and wind on Saturday afternoon there was a good turnout of well-wishers at the celebration of my retirement as Pastor of the First Con-

gregational Church. Special thanks to Betsey White and Sharon Hutchins who organized the gathering and decorated the CEB for this event. There was a collage of pictures of various events from 1991 thru 2014. I was presented with a picture by Dirk MacKnight of the church citing my years of service. Thanks to everyone who baked, came, gave cards and gifts. Special thanks to the Cabot Lodge Knights of Pythias for Freeman Farrington's kind words and gift of the lodge. It has been a privilege over the years working with them on the annual Me-

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- Flag Stop

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Blair to discuss TED global conference

Ian Blair of Bethel will be the speaker for the next presentation in the Western Mountains Senior College's Down Home Maine series, to be held on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium.

Blair attended the TED Global conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in October, and will discuss what it meant to be a part of the

high-energy gathering and to meet presenters and attendees from all over the world.

The theme of the conference was "South!" and many of the presentations focused on improving the quality of life for inhabitants of the southern hemisphere, addressing issues of culture, infrastructure, and economics.

"There were activists

and entrepreneurs doing absolutely amazing things, impacting entire societies with their work," Blair said.

TED (Technology, Entertainment, and Design) is a nonprofit organization that was founded to spread ideas and inspiration through brief talks (usually 18 minutes or less) by people who are passionate about their chosen sub-

jects.

Beginning in March, WMSC will offer a TED Talks class, facilitated by Scott Hynek and Nancy Davis. For information on joining WMSC and enrolling in classes, call the SAD 44 Continuing Education Office at 824-2780, or visit wmscollege.blogspot.com.

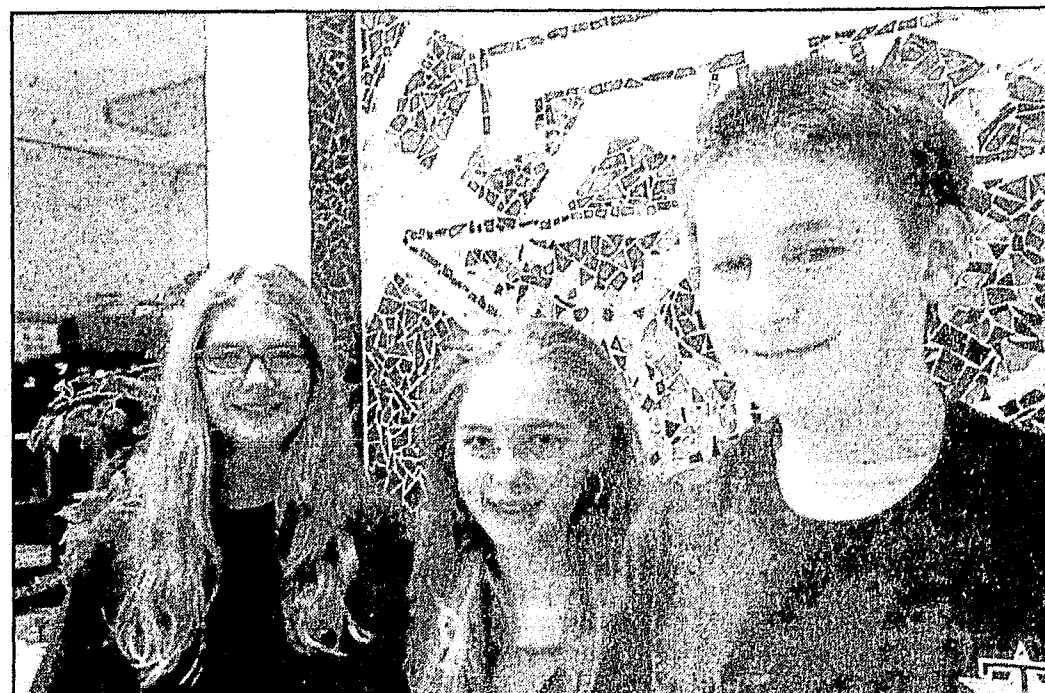
Offerings in the Down Home Maine series are free and open to the public.

Guernsey poem published in 'Take Heart' series

Maine's Poet Laureate recently chose another one of Bruce Guernsey's poems for his weekly "Take Heart" series, which is published across the state in most newspapers every Sunday. "The Present" appeared on Feb. 1. Guernsey, a summer resident of Bethel, lives in Illinois in the winter.

THE PRESENT

For her birthday that year
I bought my mother
one of those portable phones,
a new kind you could carry
all over the house
so she wouldn't be alone
anywhere anymore,
except she couldn't remember
where she left it
most of the time those days
and hurried in her slippers
from one room to the next
only to hear it ringing
somewhere down the hall
and opened the front door
to no one there
or still on the phone
when she finally found it
where she never put it,
the house getting bigger
as she got smaller
but no less busy
than she was before
with us six kids
and my father at work, or war—
that new phone like having us
still around, calling from somewhere,
upstairs or down.



SUPERSTARS-The December Super Stars from Telstar Middle School are, from left: seventh grader Caroline Newell, sixth grader Lydia Bennett, and eighth grader Ricco Call.

Submitted photo

morial Day Remembrance which I will continue to do.

The snow dancers in Upton have certainly done their job and from my point of view they can quit any time. I was at CMMC on Sunday and wondered just where the towns of Lewiston and Auburn were going to put the predicted snow of Monday which is rapidly falling down as I write this. TV commentators are saying it is being stored for the spring thaw, but I think the store room is full enough and our friend the groundhog saw his shadow which means 6 more weeks of winter which in this part of the world includes more snow. One good thing, being housebound is getting packing and cleaning out chores done. So stay warm and safe, but don't forget to enjoy the scenic beauty when the snow stops and the sun comes out. We are blessed to live in such a beautiful place.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at Ledgerview Living Center today, Thursday, Feb. 5 at 11:30. After the meeting, dinner will be served by Ledgerview.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, Feb. 9 for a regular meeting.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Saturday, Feb. 7, for a meeting and potluck dinner at 10 a.m.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Ladies Coffee Cup Devotions are Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. at the parsonage.

Larry Billings says he has written his memoirs of famous people he has met.

How did you like the old-fashioned snow storm? I am thankful it is February because spring can't be far behind.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



I keep hoping that I will turn on the news for the weather and hear that there are no snowstorms in sight. That has not been the case lately.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday. He did not arrive alone. He had Joe McLain with him. Brad McLain and wife, Carole Mason, arrived at the same time to plow out the driveway. They had been busy shoveling off roofs.

Brad flew back to Maine during the blizzard last week. His original flight was cancelled and he ended up in Washington, D.C. He spent the night there and got a flight the next morning to Maine. While he was in D.C., he caught up with his brother, Major Stephen McLain and family. Stephen was at work, so he gave Brad a personal tour of the Pentagon. Later that day, Stephen and wife, "Peachy," along with three of their children, Nathan, Quinn and Evan, met up with Brad. They had dinner and spent the evening together.

Joe McLain arrived in Maine for a visit with his parents, Steve and Lise McLain. He picked a day with better weather to travel in than Brad did, but has been busy helping them with the roof shoveling. They all went up to check on the Dupont house to make sure the roof was

not getting too much snow on it.

Last Friday evening the McLain family (Steve and Lise McLain, Brad McLain and Carole Mason and Joe McLain) went out to dinner at the Sudbury Inn. They were celebrating a couple of birthdays. Carole and Joe share a birthday of Jan. 30.

The birds have been busy at the feeder with all these storms that we have been having. We have plenty of Blue Jays, Chickadees and Mourning Doves. There are a few Juncos and Sparrows and the pair of Cardinals. There was a woodpecker on the suet the other day and the Cedar Waxwing returned for a short time. I have not seen any White-Breasted Nuthatches or Red-Breasted Nuthatches either for quite some time. They were here in the beginning of the winter, but seem to be missing now.

I wish we had stayed for Sidney's second hockey game last week. They won that one. The Berlin team also won their game this past Saturday. The score was 4-0. After the game, Tim, Michele and Sidney headed for Boston, Mass. to watch the Bruins play. They had a great time and the Bruins won! While Tim, Michele and Sidney were in Boston, their little dog Chloe spent the night with us.

While I was in Bethel last week, I stopped by the law office of Siegel and Crockett on Main Street. I had a few things that I needed to speak to them about. Paige Crockett said that the next time I stopped by they should be in their new office in the building at the corner of Maine and Philbrook.

Peter and Claudia Risbara were in town last Sunday. They were checking on their house and stopped

by for a short visit.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By Betsey Foster



Work continues on the single-stream recycling project at a snail's pace. And, we all know that snails spend their winter hibernating. Town Manager Kim Sparks said they are hoping for completion at the end of the month.

Have you seen the tiny little creations at The Local Hub? They are not edible but are, instead, miniature pieces of felt art that look like food. Yasuko Nobeyama is the artist, and the pieces range from tiny donuts and cupcakes to boxed sets of chocolates. Beautiful craftsmanship. The boxed chocolates are the perfect gift for someone who appreciates art and craft this Valentine's Day. Yasuko also makes the sushi at The Local Hub, and that is very edible.

I suppose I can no longer whine about the lack of snow. We've had over two feet in the last week with half of that falling during

last week's blizzard. Those winds were something else. In fact, the winds were so strong during that storm, the snow was falling horizontally for most of the day.

Complaining about the wind is now a good opportunity. It seems this past week has had days on end of strong winds with temps barely above zero.

They certainly pushed me into the "I'm tired of this darned cold" stage of winter. Happens around this time every winter.

And, if you did not notice, Groundhog Day was last Tuesday. It matters little whether or not this creature saw his shadow. We'll get six more weeks of winter regardless.

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Sports



ON THE MOVE-The Telstar boys varsity basketball team defeated Monmouth Academy 61-58 in a home game Tuesday. Here, Rebel senior Maverick Griffin (4) dribbles past a Monmouth player. Griffin had 10 points. Telstar held off a late rally by Monmouth for the victory. A. Aloisio

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League

Archie's St. Germain Nets 66 in MVRBL - Cody St. Germain was unstoppable in Archie's 102-80 win over Jay. Scoring at will inside and outside, he helped Archie's (4-4) open up a relatively close game. He was aided by Cliff Turner's 14 points and Mike Holmquist's 11. Jay (1-7) had kept the game close until the last 8 minutes, but fell on old habits in the end. They were led by Zeth Reilly with 34 points (4 threes). Dave St. Germain had 24 points and Zane Armandi chipped in with 11. In another game, a short-handed LBI team rallied their remaining players and posted an 88-83 victory over Bethel. LBI (7-0) had to play with four players in the second half, but did so with reckless abandon in pulling out an improbable victory. Bethel (3-5) seemed content to take outside shots against their scrambling opponents and lost control of the game. LBI got solid efforts from Owen Jones with 31 points, Eric Canwell with 23 and Bryan Canwell with 20. The Matterhorn (4-3) was off this week, while Ranor (7-1) received a forfeit win from Neptune (0-7). On Sunday Feb. 8, LBI hosts Neptune at 10 a.m., Archie's plays Bethel at 11:30 and The Matterhorn hosts Ranor at 1 p.m.

Hebron Middle School honor roll

The following local students were named to the Hebron Middle School Honor Roll for the fall semester:

Highest Honors (A- or higher): Madeline Williams (Mason Township).
High Honors (B+ or higher): Dylan Greenberg (Mason Township), Sophie List (Bethel).
Honors (B or higher): Carter Richmond (Mason Township).

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As to the status of white-breasted nuthatches, one of the staff naturalists at Maine Audubon said he had not heard of any lack of these birds. However, he suggested that a change in the type of feed put out at the feeders might have an impact. He also sent along a graph of the reported populations of these birds over the last few years. 2012 data indicate that was a high population year. Maybe this year seems low by comparison. For all species of Maine bird data, check out www.ebird.com

Continuing with local birds, a downy woodpecker became entangled in a suet feeder this week. Besides the wire suet feeders, I had used a couple mesh onion bags as suet feeders. The downy became entangled in the mesh. Luckily, I was nearby when this happened and I was able to free her. She flew away and did not appear injured. I immediately took down those mesh bags. I had no idea that birds could be entangled in them. Now I do and won't use these again.

Please send news to 3taichi@gmail.com.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



Sunday, Feb. 22 is the day that Carol and Charlie will host their annual sliding party. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and to enjoy the free lunch.

This year the second Friday of February is the 13th. Also the second Friday of March will be the 13th. Think about that! Friday the thirteenth two consecutive months. I wonder when that happened last and how frequently it happens.

The Big Blizzard of 2015 gave Upton less than a foot of snow. However, the next two storms after it combined gave us about 15 more inches. It is starting to look a lot like winter, finally. Keep Dancing!

The Upton Planning Board will have their first meeting of 2015 Friday, Feb. 27.

The Upton Selectmen will meet Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the town office at 7 p.m.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



It is snowing again and school has been canceled. That makes three times in a week. At this rate they will be in school till July. I am sure it will even out, it usually does. This week the Full Snow Moon is up and it is very aptly named. We sure have a lot of snow. Today is also candlemas day, Imbog day and, most importantly, my birthday. It is also mid-winter and Groundhog Day. It is so snowy that the groundhog is not even trying to find its shadow. That's ok. We all

know that we will have 6 more weeks of winter.

My PC died and David is out in the shop trying to fix it. Hope this will go through.

Norway Library is calling all bakers to help with their Delightful Desserts Fundraiser. The event takes place Saturday, Feb. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. First, second and third prizes will be awarded to bakers on the popularity of their desserts. If interested call the library at 743-5309 ext. 1.

Saturdays Old Squire's Farm in Norway is holding

classes. Feb. 7 Peter Coleman will speak about raising spinach in winter. If he is the one who has spinach at the farmer's market, it is some good. I will try to make that class. It is Feb. 7 at 11:30 a.m.

Nancy Brown warns that IRS is not giving tax forms to the libraries. I do not know how they expect us to file taxes. I will go to AARP for help.

Happy Snow Day and Happy Valentine's Day on Feb. 14. Drive slow and I will see you soon.

Reception for Bryant Pond artist



Standstill Farm

The Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway, continues its winter season with a First Friday Reception, Feb. 6, from 5-7 p.m. The works of Francoise Lagoutte Fetchko, the gallery's Artist of the Month, will be featured. Francoise paints landscapes, seascapes, and still lifes in oils. She writes, "Each day I look forward to going up to my little studio to paint in Bryant Pond, Maine. Since my youth in France I have been interested in art and particularly painting. However, when I moved to Maine I had the time and inspiration to express my interest fully. I have taken formal classes in art at the Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Mass. and at the Maine College of Art in Portland. I have had many teachers. Each has had a different influence. I live in Maine and I continue to visit France, where most of my family lives. I paint both from reality and from photographs, but never from a place or subject I have not seen or experienced personally."

In addition, for the week before Valentine's Day, the gallery continues its sale of miniature paintings for \$100 or less.

Please join us at our opening and view the collection of original arts, mosaics, landscapes, figurative paintings, still life paintings, jewelry, and more.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 4. For more information, art classes, demonstrations, and special trips sponsored by the WMAG visit westernmaineartgroup.org and Facebook, Main Street Gallery. The gallery is free and open to the public.

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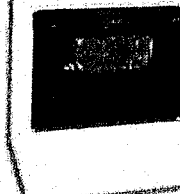
sure. Join Stephens Memorial Hospital's registered dietitian Pat Watson to learn more about this eating plan while sampling delicious, low-sodium, heart-healthy recipes. DASH diet booklets and recipes will be provided.

Stephens Memorial Hospital (SMH) offers DASH Diet to Lower High Blood Pressure to be held on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. The program will be held in the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Medical Office Building (193 Main Street) in Norway.

There is no cost for this program. For more information or to register call please call 743-1562 x6896.

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News from the Bethel Historical Society

2015 Business Partners Program
Each year, the Bethel Historical Society contacts area businesses to solicit their membership support to help the Society in carrying out its mission of collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting the history of western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire. In return for this financial support, the Society promotes its "Business Partners" through its extensive print and online media, as well as through the display of literature at its Robinson House (open year-round). The past success of this membership

program makes it clear that businesses place a high value on the publicity they receive through partnering with the Bethel Historical Society. Founded in 1966, and celebrating its 50th anniversary next year, the Society is recognized as an important economic engine for the area, drawing in thousands of visitors to Bethel each year to view its exhibits, enjoy its programs and participate in its activities. Beyond a desire to make a tax-deductible contribution to an extremely active non-profit organization, the Society's Business Partners share the satisfaction of knowing they are supporting a vital cul-

tural organization that collects, maintains and shares this region's rich heritage. More information about this program is available by calling 207-824-2908 or by visiting the Society's website (bethelhistorical.org).
Annual Fund Update
The Society is pleased to announce that it met its 2014 Annual Fund goal, thanks to the generosity of many individuals and businesses that recognized the value of its services to members and the general public. Representing nearly a third of the Society's annual income, the Annual Fund covers a myriad of regular operating expenses. The Society also received a

\$10,000 matching challenge gift from BHS trustee Michael S. Stowell, thanks to an equal amount of new donations and increased gifts from 2013 donors. Annual Fund donors who brought the 2014 campaign to a close were David Beisler, Barbara Mahler, and Kenneth and Katherine Griffin. The forthcoming winter 2015 "Broad Street Herald" newsletter will include a 2014 "Report of Giving," which will list all donors to the Annual Fund, as well as those who supported other Society fundraisers and projects.
Upcoming "Local & Legendary" Events
In February, two special

events will take place in connection with the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project, a collaboration between Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association. At 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 4, the 3rd of four book discussions of "Civil War Stories" by Ambrose Bierce will take place at the Bethel Library. On Thursday, February 12, Bowdoin College Professor Patrick Rael will present a program on how the Civil War has been portrayed in film over the past century. This free event will be held at Bingham Hall auditorium, Gould Academy, starting at 6:30 pm.

Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association are bringing local Civil War history to life thanks to a \$2,000 grant awarded by the Maine Historical Society (MHS) and Maine Humanities Council (MHC). Part of a joint MHS and MHC project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the program aims to bring Maine libraries and educational and historical organizations together to explore local Civil War history and engage their communities. Bethel is one of five communities in Maine to receive the grant in the second and final round of project awards.

Backyard Reflections

By Sara Wright

The Woodpecker's Drum

There is a wonderful story told by some Native American peoples about how Woodpecker drummed on the cosmic tree until his "song" created the Earth. In most tribal lore woodpeckers are associated with omens. Western Indian tribes carve woodpeckers onto their totem poles and their feathers are used in ceremony and dances. In Italy and Greece up until recently the woodpecker was called the "Forest King" and was also associated with augury or prophecy. The Greek god Zeus was often imaged as a young boy with a crested woodpecker on his head.

When I met three woodpeckers on New Year's Day as I stepped out into a pale blue frozen world at dawn I couldn't help wonder if seeing three of these birds at once especially this early (usually all I see is chickadees) might be forecasting a good year ahead. Two were pecking the suet and one was hammering on a nearby pine, recalling this belief in omens to mind.

The two pecking suet were downy woodpeckers, a male and a female; the larger one was a hairy woodpecker. From my vantage point I was unable to tell whether this third one was male or female. Normally, identifying the male or female of both types

is easy. Female hairy and downy woodpeckers do not have red hats. The two can also be distinguished from one another by size. Hairy woodpeckers are almost twice the size of the Downy and have longer beaks, although otherwise the stunning black and white markings are almost identical. In Maine (according to the literature) we have 6 to 8 species of woodpeckers but around here I have only seen five kinds, three of which remain here year round.

My absolutely favorite, the pileated woodpecker is the size of a crow, and mostly black except for white underwings and both males and females have stunning red crests so it is difficult to tell the difference between the two unless you see them together in the early spring during mating season when they often climb and drum in a spiral around the same tree. Seen together the female's red crest is smaller and less brilliant in color. These woodpeckers need mature forest with large trees to excavate and although I still see them they are not as common as they were when I first moved here many years ago. Habitat loss is taking its toll on all of our birds and these magnificent birds are especially at risk. The holes they excavate are large, oval or rectangular in shape, separating

them from the round holes of other woodpeckers that live here year round. Pileated woodpeckers do not discriminate between coniferous or deciduous trees as long as they yield carpenter ants - their favorite food - or beetle larvae. They also forage on the ground supplementing their diet with fruits and nuts including the berries of poison ivy.

The yellow-bellied sapsucker arrives in the spring, preceding the hummingbird migration. Sapsuckers feast on the sticky sap that they extract from trees after drilling evenly spaced holes, and just after their arrival hummingbirds take advantage of the small caverns the sapsuckers excavate to sip a banquet of their own! I keep a sharp eye out for the sapsuckers because I keep count of the days between sapsucker arrival and hummingbird migration. I am usually rewarded by seeing one drilling holes in the pines just outside my door each spring. Sapsuckers are a bit smaller than the Hairy woodpeckers and their black and white feathers look as if they are smudged with charcoal, dimming the contrast between their black and white coats; they also have pale yellow breast feathers. The female can be distinguished from the male because she does not wear a red cap. I don't know where these birds go in the summer because after the spring migration they disappear; perhaps they are moving north.

The northern flicker is also a woodpecker, and like the sapsucker, here at least, this bird heralds the coming of spring but also migrates through here in the fall. Apparently these birds

also migrate further north because I never see them during the summer months. These beautiful birds are quite large and have brown barred backs with clear spotted breasts, yellow-shafted wings, a large black bib and a speck of red painted on each head. They always arrive and leave here as a group. This bird feeds mostly on ants that live in the ground and insects that they catch in flight.

With their hard pointed beaks, and incredibly long sticky tongues (which also possess bristles) woodpeckers are able to extract insects deep within a hole of a tree. They also have thick shock absorbing skulls. Most woodpeckers are well adapted to excavating cavities for nesting and roosting. The moment before contact with wood a thickened membrane closes, protecting the woodpecker's eyes from flying debris. Their nostrils are also protected. Woodpeckers are made for tree living! Their feet are especially adapted for trees with two toes pointing forward and two toes facing the rear. They have sharp pointed claws that help them scale up and down vertical surfaces with ease, a behavior that never ceases to amaze me. Woodpeckers also use their short stiff tails to help prop them up while climbing or hanging against my tube feeders while pecking for sunflower seeds. The young are born featherless and totally dependent upon parental care and yet these birds are ready to fledge in about a month. The female lays three to five eggs in her tree cavity, which except for wood chips remains unadorned and both parents are caregivers of the young;

these birds mate for life.

All woodpeckers play an important role in maintaining the health of our forests. Ecologically, they help keep trees healthy by keeping them from suffering mass infestations. Woodpeckers are known for dietary flexibility and in addition to ants, and tree sap they eat beetles grubs termites, spiders, and caterpillars, seeds, fruits and nuts. They have been known to remove as much as 85 percent of the emerald ash borer from ash trees. Woodpeckers only nest in a tree cavity for one year. Abandoned homes are used by small owls and a variety of other birds and the process of drilling for food and shelter also contributes to the necessary slow decomposition of dead trees. On my property I leave all the trees alone and notice how frequently new cavities appear in the "old" (30 to 35 years) part of the woods. Unfortunately the one pair of pileated woodpeckers that used to nest in what once was an unbroken forest behind me have disappeared but when hiking through other forested areas I can still hear them drumming in the spring and I take great pleasure listening to their raucous cries which sound like demented laughter!

All but the flickers fly using the same undulating wave pattern; the flickers soar low but more steadily I've noted. During breeding season (April around here) male woodpeckers will drum on loud surfaces to establish their territories and to attract a mate. Favorite sites for drumming are gutters, downspouts and flashing. At my house they often use my tele-

phone pole, and some mornings any one of the three woodpeckers can be heard using their rapid-fire percussion to spear one of the logs outside my window. These birds also use drumming to communicate with each other during mating, and later with their offspring.

This winter I have more woodpeckers than I have ever had before, and I have always had quite a few. More curious is the fact that most of these are tame enough to cling to the small trees eyeing me with what can only be called a piercing gaze as I fill feeders and put out more suet around them. They do love fat and I make sure that they have an adequate supply. I love to hear both Downy and Hairy "chirp" to announce their presence as they land on one of "their" fruit trees - the ones that contain a feeder or fat. One of the funniest behavioral contortions I've witnessed is Hairy landing on my globe feeder, a tube protected by circular bars to keep the large birds out. He has figured out that if he clasps the bottom of the feeder and is willing to hang upside down he can spear seed at will. He has mastered this technique to such perfection that the ground feeding doves watch for his arrival and then flock and land beneath him knowing that a seed bonanza is on the way to the ground! Every time I go to take a picture of this impressive maneuver Hairy flies off the feeder as if to make the point that this inventive gesture of his will not be recorded! Woodpecker antics delight me and I am already imagining the day I first hear spring drumming...



ROBOT ENGINEERS-Kids in the Mahoosuc Kids Association at the Crescent Park School are building a LEGO robot. "I am doing this LEGO program to get more kids involved," said Marie Keane. "I had no problem getting 10 kids to sign up for this program where they will learn to build a robot, program a robot and probably have a little competition amongst themselves." Here, Logan, Tess and Tanner sort through pieces while building their robot.

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Group seeks plan to build health and community

Can we build a better, healthier future for ourselves by building stronger social connections to each other? Put another way, can "community = cure" for difficult issues impacting our health? The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative thinks so, and continues to lead work aimed at this kind of positive change for the county.

Over the next several months the Oxford County Wellness Collaborative (OCWC) will be continuing a process of bringing together community members to deepen ties to one another and create a common vision for creating health in Oxford County. This work began in the summer of 2014 and will lead to a county-wide gathering this spring to identify one or two priority issues bearing on health in Oxford County.

This process is based on envisioning the possibilities for a vibrant healthy county, and building con-

nections between people that will allow our community to work together effectively to make Oxford County a better place. The OCWC is gathering people together at "Healthy Community Gatherings" (HCGs), to share thoughts, ideas and passion surrounding the belief that as a community, we can take charge of creating a healthy life for all. As participants are empowered, support for this positive change increases, which in turn builds the foundation for true community action.

The Gatherings actively work to incorporate the "voice" of everyone, even those who feel their voice cannot be heard, due to the barriers of poverty, status, etc. This work is based on the belief that there is leadership and value in each member of our community, and a commitment to find a way to tap into that potential.

A six-week series of Healthy Community Gatherings will be starting in

both Norway and Rumford on February 3rd. The weekly gatherings will take place in Norway at the Town Office from 7:30-9am and in Rumford at the Praise Assembly of God (89 Congress St.) from 5-6:30pm. These events are open to all and the Wellness Collaborative welcomes you to attend.

Healthy Community Gatherings are being organized in Fryeburg and Bethel too. If you are interested in participating in one of these or organizing another in your area, call Brendan Schauler, Network Facilitator for the Oxford County Wellness Collaborative, at 739-6222.

Previous participants say they feel connected to each other and energized by the conversations and community building. After attending the first of several gatherings, a longtime community activist in Rumford said, "I don't feel so alone" in regards to his dedication to making a positive difference in his community. The

conversations start by focusing on the possibilities of a future that does not exist yet where our county is flourishing in all ways that create health. This is in contrast to the typical conversations addressing what is wrong, who is to blame and who should fix it. The conversations embody the "aliveness" that is created when people sit together and share their vision for a better world, find common ground and from that place determine together what steps are next. On March 19th there will be a county-wide gathering (location to be determined) to determine a focus for creating a healthier Oxford County that we can all stand behind.

The Wellness Collaborative is currently providing "host" trainings for people who would like to facilitate gatherings around Oxford County and encourages anyone who cares about the well-being of their community to participate. This train-

ing also offers real value for anyone who wants to deepen their facilitation skills and hold conversations that foster trust, commitment, and a sense of belonging. Barbara Rajaniemi, who attended a fall 2014 training in Rumford, shared that, "After the Host training I felt empowered, I felt my voice mattered, and I found myself being more aware of others and their needs and helping others feel that their voice matters too. I use what I learned in both my personal and professional life on a daily basis." She added that she would "encourage everyone to take advantage of this training, as I feel it would have a very positive effect on you and the way you think and feel." Other hosts share these feelings, and have appreciated building interpersonal skills and experience with public leadership. The training is free and does not require a commitment to participate in Healthy Community Gatherings work. However, trained

hosts who go on to support Healthy Community Gatherings receive a stipend for their work.

Food will be provided at the gatherings, as well as the trainings, and financial help is available to cover transportation and childcare expenses. For more information about the Healthy Community Gatherings or host trainings, call Brendan at (207) 739-6222 or email brendan@healthyoxfordhills.org.

The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative (OCWC) is a growing group of caring individuals and organizations who want to increase the health of Oxford County, making it the most desirable place to live, work, play and raise a family. The group is grounded in the belief that as individuals and organizations, we are most effective when working together towards a common goal rather than separately trying to reach the same goal.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Felted Art Exhibit; The Norway Memorial Library invites the public to view a felted art exhibit by Marty Elkin of A Wrinkle in Thyme Farm through February 2015 during the library's open hours. Elkin's felted art is inspired by her work on the farm, nature, and animals. All the wool used in the art work is from the farm's sheep and Elkin dyes the wool herself. For more information please visit the library's web site www.norway.lib.me.us or call at 743-5309 ext. 1.

"Civil War Stories" Book Discussion; A book discussion on "Civil War Stories" by Ambrose Bierce will take place at the Bethel Library March 4 at 7 p.m., led by Doug Rawlings, representing the Maine Historical Society and The Maine Humanities Council. Books are available at the Bethel Library. The discussion is part of the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project, a joint effort by Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association.

Thursday, Feb. 5

To Your Health Program on Valvular Heart Disease; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Dr. Daniel E. vanBuren, Board Certified Cardiologist, returns during American Heart Month to discuss this condition which involves one or more valves of the heart and typically affects people after the age of 50. Sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. The public is invited and admission is free. Light refreshments. FMI contact R. Tiff at 824-2053.

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Friday, Feb. 6

First Friday Reception; 5 to 7 p.m., Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway. The works of Francoise Lagoutte Fetchko, the gallery's Artist of the Month, will be featured. Francoise paints landscapes, seascapes, and still lifes in oils. FMI: westernmaineartgroup.org.

Raising Spinach in Winter; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market 493 Main Street, Norway. Presented by Peter Coleman.

White Grass Festival; Mt. Abram. An absolute can't miss. The only live bluegrass festival on snow in Maine. Live bluegrass bands all day. Main lodge: Grassholes 12 to 2 p.m.; Jerks of Grass 3 to 5 p.m.; Milltown Roadshow 6 to 8 p.m. Westside lodge: Jerks of Grass 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Woodstock Bicentennial Kickoff; 1 to 3 p.m., Woodstock Fire Station. Come join your neighbors in recreating the first town meeting for Woodstock that took place 200 years ago! Plans for the larger June 20 celebration will also be discussed.

Live Music with the Jim Gallant Band; 2 to 5 p.m., Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. A talented guitarist, whose repertoire ranges from classical guitar to blues, jazz and country, Jim is sure to delight a crowd. Jim has been featured on WCSH 6's 207 and has performed throughout New England.

Live Music with Skoshi; 6 to 9 p.m., Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. Influenced by the likes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Pink Floyd, Grateful Dead, J Geils, & Phish, this 5 piece rock, funk, Ska band is sure to rock your ski socks off!

Sunday, Feb. 8

Roberts Farm Preserve Ski Biathlon; 11 a.m. (registration and air-rifle target practice 9:30 to 10:45), Roberts Farm Preserve. Two race distances are offered: 3x1k and 3x2k. \$10 per person (\$5 for students). FMI: Lee Dassler (739-2124), wfl@megalink.net or www.wflmaine.org.

40th Annual Hope Assn. Ride-In; 12:30 to 2 p.m., Horizons Unlimited, 318 Swain Road, Rumford. Raffle tickets \$1 for one, \$5 for 6 - prizes will be drawn at 1:30 p.m. Hot buffet dinner. FMI: 364-4561 or www.hopeassociation.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Facebook, Instagram Workshop; 9 to 10:30 a.m., the Bethel Inn Resort. Community Concepts Finance Corp. is offering a workshop entitled "Content Marketing 101: Using Facebook and Instagram to Tell Your Story." \$25 for members of Oxford County chambers of commerce and business associations, \$30 for

nonprofits and businesses that are not chamber members. FMI/Registration: www.wmedc.org or Mia Purcell (739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org).

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Potluck; 11 a.m., Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel. Please bring a dish to share and an item for the auction. Election of officers will be held. Dues (\$3) are due.

MLT "This is Your Backyard" Presentation; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Mike Novellow, Renewable Energy Analyst, and Gordon Gamble, Director of Community Relations, will present "This is Your Neighborhood Wind Farm," an introduction to the Record Hill Wind Farm located in Roxbury. FMI: 824-3806.

Thursday, Feb. 12

Maximizing Social Media Marketing SCORE Workshop; 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street, Norway. Brenna Herridge, Business Development Manager for Dream Local Digital will offer a workshop highlighting the best practices for utilizing social media tools. \$20 per person. FMI/Registration: www.oxfordhills.score.org.

DASH Diet Program; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building (193 Main Street) Norway. Pat Watson, registered dietitian, will offer a presentation on the DASH Diet, which has been proven to help in lowering blood pressure. DASH diet booklets and recipes will be provided. There is no cost for this program. FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6896.

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Local and Legendary; Bethel, Maine in the Civil War; 6:30 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Church Street, Bethel. Bowdoin College professor Patrick Rael will show clips of several films, and discuss how they relate to several issues of the war, including slavery, race, gender, conflict and moral order in this presentation and discussion of important films of the Civil War Era. Films will include "The Birth of a Nation," "Gone with the Wind," "Glory," Gettysburg" and others. The public is invited at no charge.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Larry Mercier Memorial Ice Fishing Derby; Roxbury Pond. Rain date, Feb. 15. The grand prize is \$2,000 for the lucky angler who catches the tagged fish. Other prizes are awarded for the Pickerel, Bass, Trout and Perch catches. Lunch will be available.

Sweetheart Snowshoe Walk; 10 a.m., Akers Ski Barn, Andover. Those wishing to carpool may meet at the Mahoosuc land trust office at 9:30 a.m. During the walk, Rich Churchill will share his unique insights on the wonders of nature. Following the walk, participants are invited to return to Aker's barn for a fire, hot chocolate and chili lunch. FMI: 824-3806.

Healing Naturally with Herbs, Spices and Foods; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street, Norway. Presented by Suzanne Dunham.

Annual Valentine's Day Tea; 1 to 3 p.m., United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel. Music and refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Master Bee Keeper, Carol Cottrill, will do a presentation on "gadgets and gizmos" used in bee keeping. Public's welcome. FMI contact Kevin at farrou@roadrunner.com or visit mainehoneybees.com.

8th Annual Chairlift Speed Dating Event; 2 to 4 p.m. (registration starts at 12:30), Black Mountain, Jackson, N.H. Participation is free, but participants are required to have a lift ticket or season's pass in order to ride the lift (full day lift tickets are \$55, half day lift tickets are \$38). FMI: www.blackmt.com or 603-383-4490.

Swingin' Bears Valentine's Day Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Caller: Walt Bull. Cues: Carol Arsenault. Refreshments will be served from 7:45 on. Announcements, door prizes and 50/50 drawing at 8:30. Admission: \$6 (non-dancers are welcome at no charge. FMI: Eleanor Herrick (782-4050) or www.squaredanceme.us.

Sunday, Feb. 15

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Wind Tower Ride; 8 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. ride. Fee: \$10 (\$8 for club members and early registration), includes a lunch of hot dogs, chili and a drink at the clubhouse following the ride. FMI/Early Registration: Dick Merrill (392-3481).

Stephens Memorial Hospital Family Snowshoe; 10 to 11 a.m., Roberts Farm Preserve, Norway. Carl Costanzi, 5210 Let's Go! Oxford County coordinator will lead a snowshoe hike on the trails at Roberts Farm. Snowshoes and poles are available if needed. There is no cost for this program, but registration is required. FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6896.

Cabin Fever Follies: The Sound of the Movies; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Local musicians performing songs from the silver screen. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$8/minors. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or information@stkieranarts.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Fullset: The Finest in Irish Traditional Music; 7 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155

Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$15. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or information@stkieranarts.org.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Running a Sustainable Dairy; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street Norway. Presented by Heidi Durgin.

Sunday, Feb. 22

Funky Divas of Gospel; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$10/minors. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or information@stkieranarts.org.

Monday, Feb. 23

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Full Moon Hike; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Mt. Abram. Mt. Abram staff will transport skis and boards to the top so participants can enjoy the hike to the top and then ski/ride to the bottom by the light of the full moon. Post-hike music with Skosh begins at 8 p.m. in Loose Boots Lounge.

Thursday, March 5

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, March 7

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

Sunday, March 15

The Asylum Quartet; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Award-winning saxophone chamber group. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$8/minors. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or information@stkieranarts.org.

Saturday, April 11

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

April 16 and 26

Hunter Safety - Firearms; Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Telstar High School Library. Study includes proper operation and use of equipment, maps and compass; first aid and survival laws; and land-owner relations and ethics. Participants must be 10 years old or older; those 10-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. \$10 per person. This is a Home Study course. Materials will be handed out and explained at the other class. Student must attend all classes. Limit 25. Call soon for this class fills up quickly! FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Saturday, May 9

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

May 15, 16 and 17

15th Annual Home Garden Flower Show, May Fair; Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Seven buildings filled with almost 300 plus booths on home and energy and 9 garden centers, garden artisans and crafters, plus five acres of outdoor products for the home and garden and other related businesses. The famous Meet the Chefs Cooking Series, Lodge Cast Iron Skillet Toss, Home and Garden Seminars, Kids activities and demonstrations. Guest speakers, fair food and more. General Admission \$10. Children 10 and under free. Group rates available. FMI: www.homegardenflowershow.com or 800-359-2033.

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Regular meetings and events

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.
Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.
SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover
 Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.
 Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.
Bethel
 First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.
 Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.
 Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Bethel Bicycle/Western Maine Velo road cycling rides, departing from Bethel Bicycle. Please call 824-0100 for more information and/or go to our FB page, all rides are posted there.
 First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076. (Note: the Bethel meeting has been discontinued until spring)
 Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library (currently discontinued until spring). FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.
 Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.
 Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.
 Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call 836-3575.
Greenwood
 Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Outdoor Market at Northern Roots Grow Supply, 3 Bird Hill Rd., Greenwood. Vendors welcome at no charge. Until early September.
Woodstock
 Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

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Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

Support services

SAFE Voices

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange

Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry

The Bethel Food Pantry serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock.

The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon until 8 p.m. Anyone who needs food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance on Park Street.

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Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

Library hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m.

Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items: Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Laird Bean. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church- Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136, or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite

Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

NORTH WATERFORD/STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish (North Waterford and East Stoneham) - Summer services at 9 a.m. in the North Waterford Church on Route 35 across from Melby's Eatery. On July 20 a special-and casual-church service will be held on the Fairgrounds during the Waterford World's Fair, with shuttle service available on site. In September, services will return to the East Stoneham Church, Route 5, and the regular hour of 10. All are welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Nancy Moore. Sunday morning service 11 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship.

North Paris Federation- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday

Service 8 a.m. Singers operation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. 276 King St. Oxford.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary. 364-2193.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave. Monday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Mass 9 a.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Thursday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Friday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 4 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 6 p.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford.

Praise Assembly of God -

Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church-208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School- 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m. Word of Life Olympians (kids club)- 6 p.m. Wednesday. Ladies' Bible Study- Monday, 6:30 p.m. Food pantry for West Paris residents, first and third Tuesdays of month, 1-3 p.m. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Far-num, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – LONG “I” SOUND

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

LIE
TRY

4 Letters

DIAL
IDOL
ISLE
JULY
VINE

5 Letters

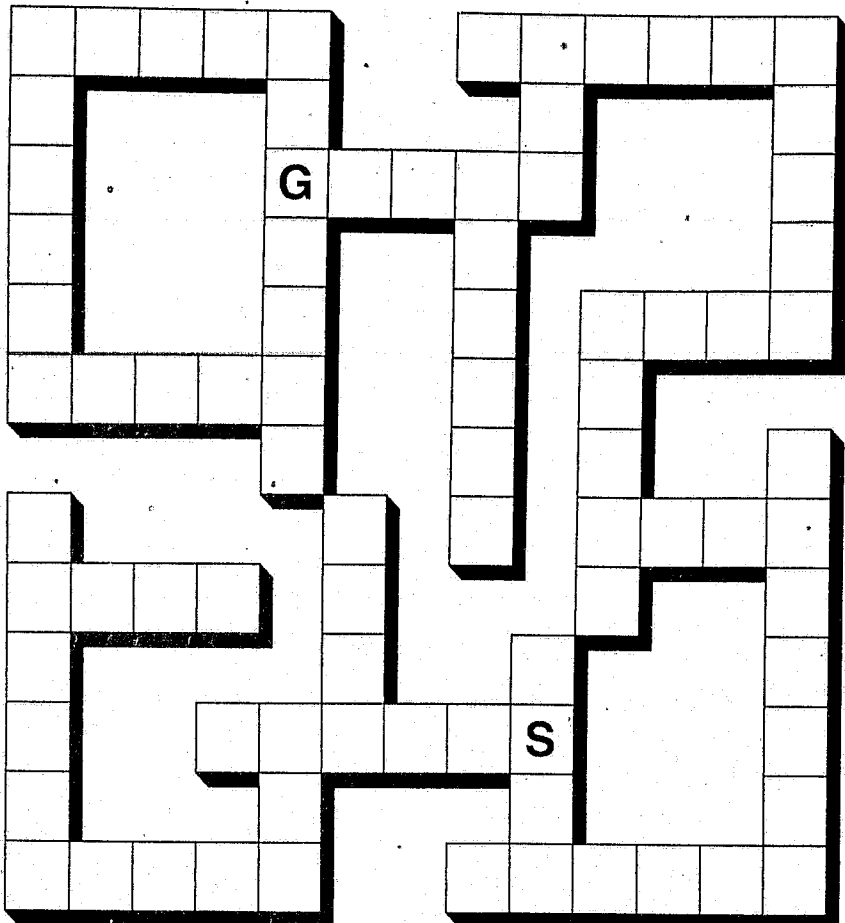
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RHYME
SIGHT
TRIAL

6 Letters

CLIENT
DIAPER
MIGHTY
RED EYE
SPIDER
STYLES

7 Letters

TIGHTEN
WEBSITE



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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Car is different. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Hair is different. 4. Purse is missing. 5. Sign is different. 6. Basement window is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: I equals T

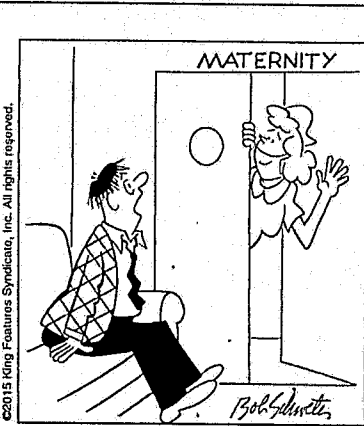
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Flood
DOUBAN
Dangle
PUDNESS
Intense
RANTED
Value
TWHOR
TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

RIISING TO THE DEBATE

ACROSS

- 1 While away the hours
- 9 Amorphous, sunken-into seats
- 17 Book divs.
- 20 Adopts, as a belief
- 21 Do a new layout of
- 22 Marina del —, California
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Musician Yoko
- 26 Fixes a seam, say
- 27 Drink served with scones
- 28 Suffix with final or solo
- 29 Heroic poetry
- 30 Riddle, part 2
- 37 7-Eleven drink
- 41 Isn't on target
- 42 Contract inker, e.g. (1988 film)
- 44 San —, California
- 46 Most fake

DOWN

- 48 Riddle, part 3
- 51 With 57-Across, descent before pulling a rip cord
- 52 Chilean cheer
- 53 Praise publicly
- 54 Margarita glass liner
- 57 See 51-Across
- 60 1990s Philippine president
- 62 Ad entreaty
- 64 ET of TV
- 67 Riddle, part 4
- 71 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —"
- 72 Gel
- 74 Bow rub-on
- 75 "Cassius has a lean and hungry look": Julius Caesar
- 77 — Sunday
- 78 Let out
- 79 Xenon, e.g.
- 81 Fesses (up)
- 85 Riddle, part 5

ACROSS

- 92 Deliver news about
- 94 Capacious
- 95 One of Jupiter's moons
- 96 Rare Italian violins
- 97 Trial run
- 98 Watched kids for cash
- 99 End of the riddle
- 104 Tip jar bills
- 105 Mimicker
- 106 "— There Was You"
- 107 — ghanouj
- 111 Poetry Out Loud org.
- 112 Riddle's answer
- 119 Wind up
- 120 Tendency to stick together
- 121 "Casino Royale" Bond girl player
- 122 Rds.
- 123 Outburst of wild emotion
- 124 Tokyo "a-ia"

DOWN

- 3 Shoot forth
- 4 Male heirs
- 5 "Tsk!"
- 6 "Semi-" suffix
- 7 Get together
- 8 Road twists
- 9 Male sib
- 10 Always, to bards
- 11 Astern
- 12 Feature of a perfect ball game
- 13 Audacious
- 14 Just slightly
- 15 Slender fish
- 16 Hog home
- 17 Certain liquid fuel
- 18 High-tech map
- 19 Natalie Portman's childhood home on Long Island
- 24 "Ball —"
- 29 Most tense
- 30 Twist
- 31 Skin cream brand
- 32 Ensnares
- 33 Cookie giant
- 34 Lead singer
- 35 Beginning on
- 36 Have supper
- 37 Son of Willy Loman

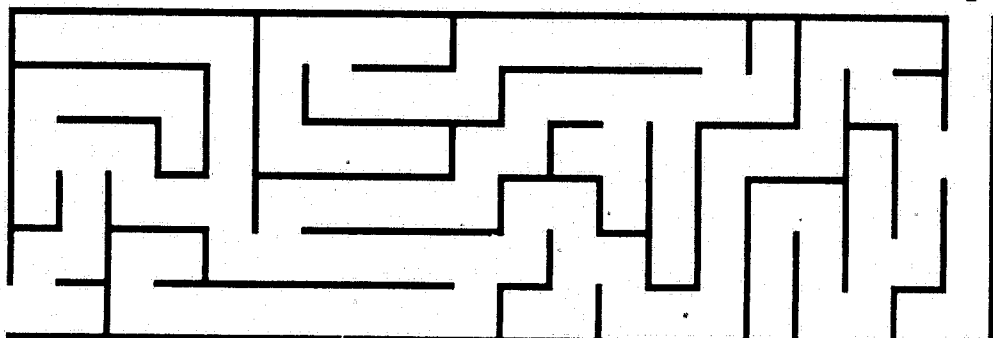
ACROSS

- 38 Skyscraper beam
- 39 Many an app
- 40 Anguish
- 44 Actor Gibson
- 45 Had supper
- 46 Sainted pope
- 47 FDR follower
- 49 Hit the links
- 50 Boxing punch
- 55 London lav
- 56 16 elghths
- 58 Tummy "six-pack"
- 59 Actor Marvin
- 60 Interstate stop
- 61 Pal, in Calais
- 62 Earlier
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Kids' Maze

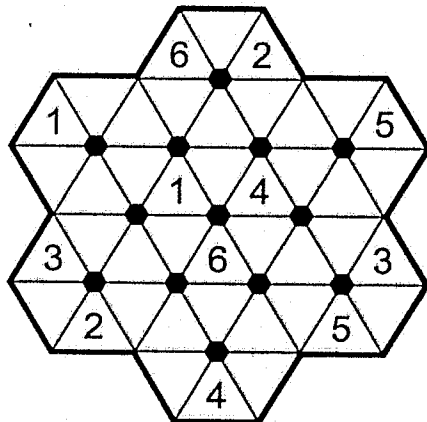


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by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



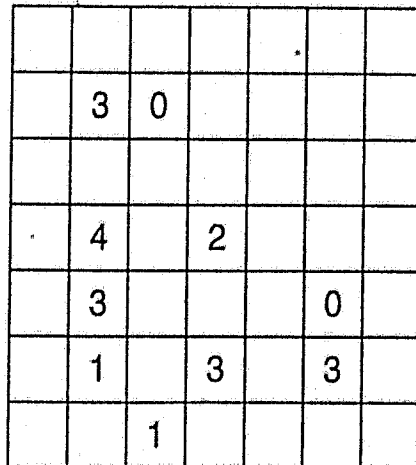
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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



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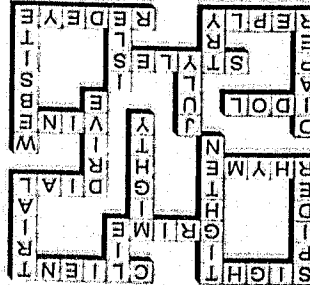
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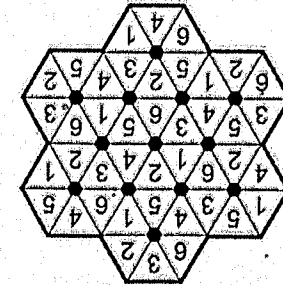


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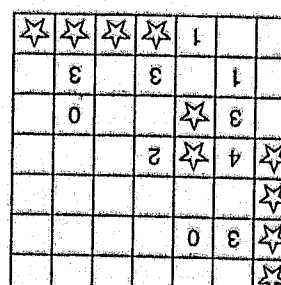
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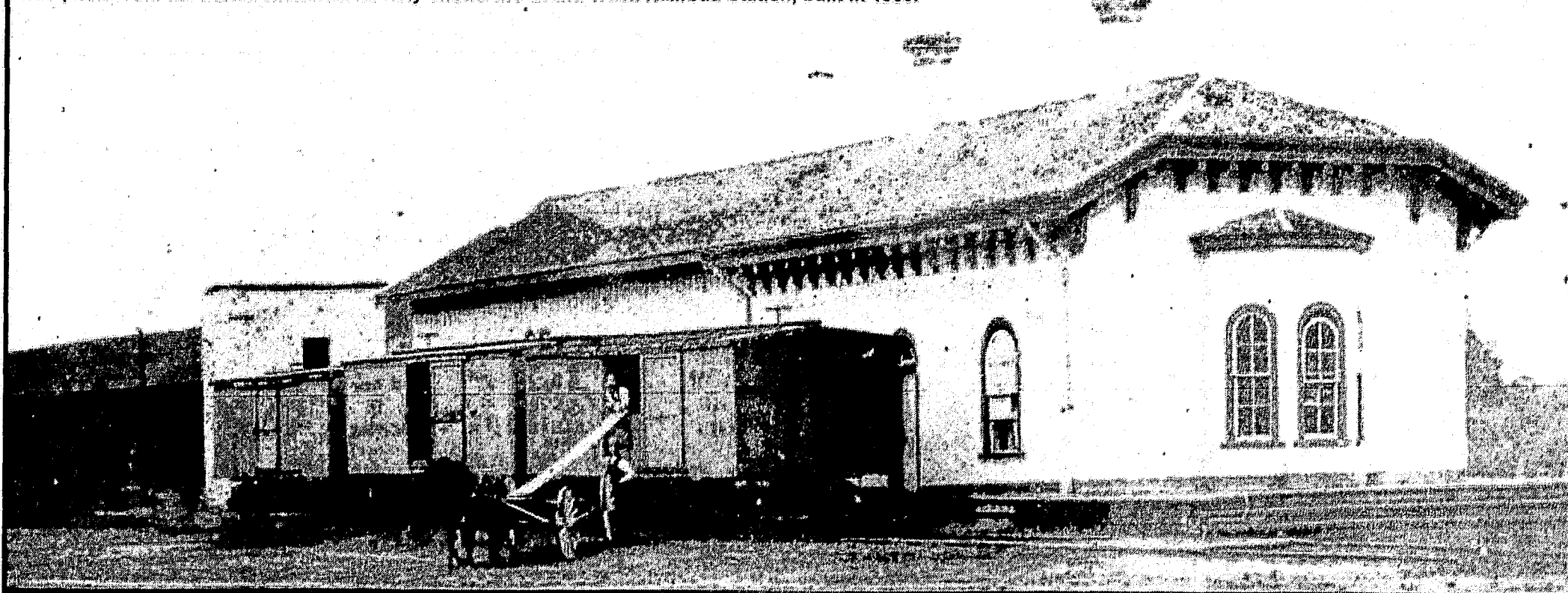
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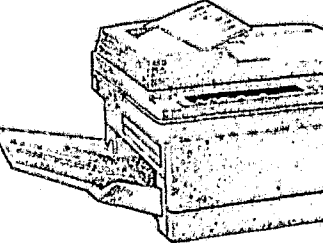
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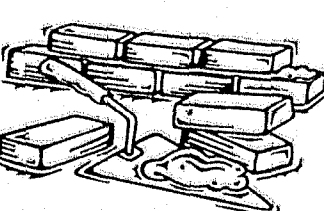


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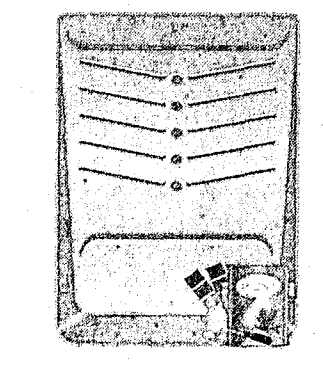
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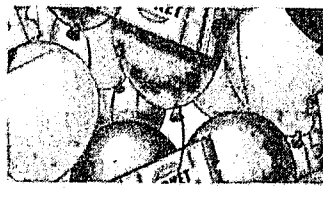
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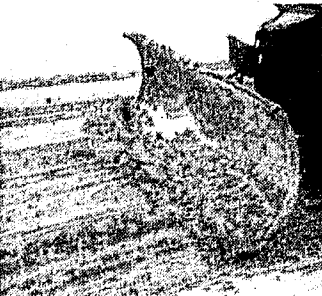
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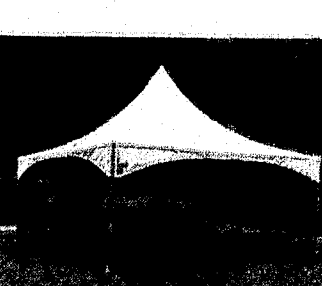
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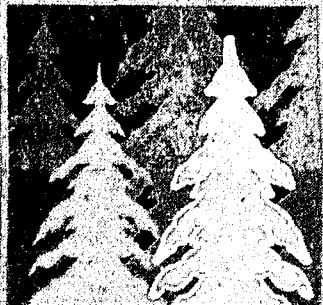
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NOTICE OR PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2014, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled The Summit Condominium Owners Association v. Timeshare Management Services, L.L.C., d/b/a Club Select Resorts, under Docket No. RUM-RE-14-52, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said Timeshare Management Services, L.L.C. d/b/a Club Select Resorts to The Summit Condominium Owners Association, a copy of said Judgment being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, and,

WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period having elapsed without redemption by the said Defendant its successors or assigns, by the date of the proposed sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

Unit No. 314 Time Share Unit Quarter III in Building I of Phase I in The Summit at Sunday River, A Condominium, located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, a condominium established by Sunday River Skiway Corporation pursuant to the Maine Condominium Act and by Declaration of Condominium dated December 14, 1992, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Eastern District, in Book 1965, Page 187 (which Declaration, together with the Exhibits and/or appendices thereto, and any amendments, is herein termed "Declaration" and to which reference is hereby made), which said unit is shown on the floor plans of the building identified above recorded simultaneously with said Declaration in said Registry of Deeds. Reference is also made to survey plan, by Dana C. Douglass, Jr., R.S., likewise recorded simultaneously with said Declaration in said Registry.

Being precisely the same premises conveyed to Club Select Resorts [a "Missouri Domestic Fictitious Registration" wholly owned and operated by Timeshare Management Services, L.L.C.], by Quitclaim Deed of Carl W. Standley, et al., dated June 8, 2012, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4972, Page 33, and entitled and subject to all benefits and restrictions as described therein.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at the sale or may be obtained by contacting the Association at its place of business in Newry, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Association.

DATED AT PARIS, MAINE, this 21st day of January, 2015.
THE SUMMIT CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION
By: John S. Jenness, Jr.
Its Attorney
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2014, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled The Summit Condominium Owners Association v. Thomas A. Mann, under Docket No. RUM-RE-14-41, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said Thomas A. Mann to The Summit Condominium Owners Association, a copy of said Judgment being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, and,

WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendant, his successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

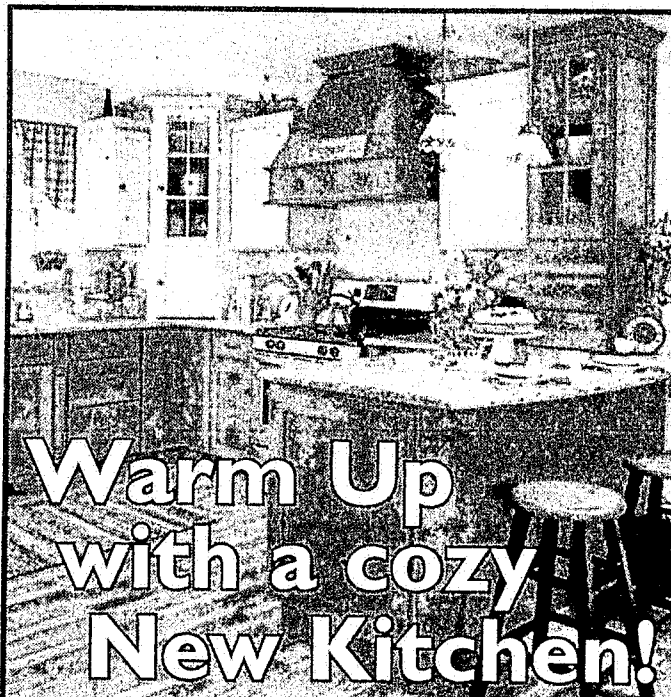
Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

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Being precisely the same premises conveyed to Thomas A. Mann by Warranty Deed of Sunday River Skiway Corporation dated November 29, 1994, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2182, Page 109, and entitled and subject to all benefits and restrictions as described therein.

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The application and supporting documentation will be available for review at the Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) DEP offices in Augusta, (207) 287-2437, during normal working hours. A copy of the application and supporting documentation will also be available at the municipal office in Newry, Maine. Written public comments may be sent to Lynn Muzzey at the Bureau of Air Quality, State House Station #17, Augusta, Maine 04333.

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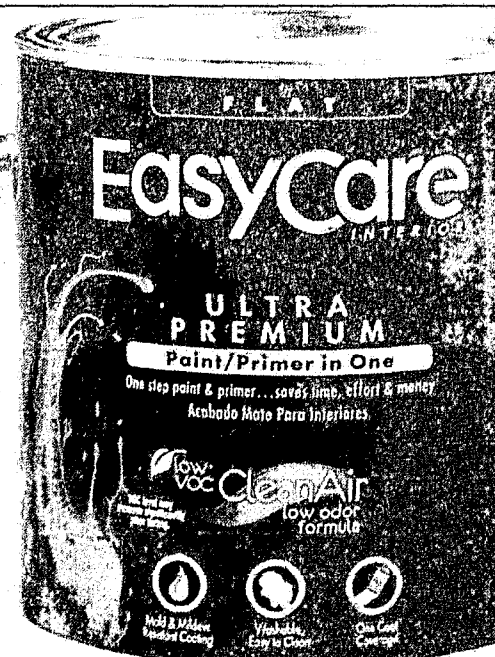
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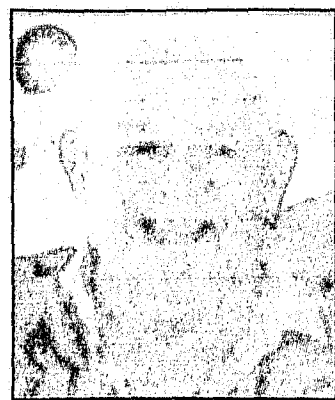


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Obituaries



ALBERT "JOE" GAUDREAU

Albert A. "Joe" Gaudreau, age 77 of Gilead, passed away Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 at his residence.

Joe was born in Aurora on Oct. 10, 1937, a son of Paul and Gertrude (Mickey) Gaudreau, and attended local schools there.

He faithfully served his country in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1963, and married Alfreda Leighton on April 29, 1960.

Joe worked for Brooks Bros. Plumbing and Heating in Bethel for 32 years, retiring from there in 2004.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time with his family. He had lived in Gilead for 51 years.

He is predeceased by three brothers, Harold "Buster," Pete and Bob Gaudreau.

Surviving are his wife of Gilead, two sons, Jody Gaudreau and his wife, Debbie of West Bethel, and Willie Gaudreau and his wife, Patty of Waterford; a daughter, Debbie Luxton and her husband, Donny of West Bethel; a sister, Pauline Hall of Cape Elizabeth; a brother-in-law, Alfred T. Leighton and his wife, Sharon of Gilead; four grandchildren, Joseph

Gaudreau and his family, Paul Gaudreau, Jenna Gaudreau and Tashawna Gaudreau; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Arrangements are in the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel. Condolences can be expressed to the family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.



WENDELL H. TYLER

Wendell H. Tyler, 70, formerly of Bethel, passed away Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Winthrop Manor, where he had resided for the past 5 years.

He was born Feb. 6, 1944 in Bethel, the son of Leonard A. Tyler and Ivy (Brown) Tyler.

In his younger years, Wendell worked with his father, he later worked at the tool and die company in Gorham, N.H. Wendell was known as a very hard worker, and a kind person, he would give the shirt off his back or lend a hand to anyone that needed help. Wendell was devoted to his family, and cared for his father for many years.

He is survived by his daughter, Kathy Trefrey of New Hampshire; grandchildren, Starr and Jonathan Trefrey; his sister, Patricia Fox and her husband Daniel of Belgrade; brothers, Roland Tyler and his wife Nancy of Dixfield and Carlton Tyler and his wife Gloria of Newburgh. He was predeceased by his parents.

A graveside service will be 1 p.m., May 28 at Rumford Point Cemetery, Whippoorwill Road, Rumford. A remembrance gathering will be held immediately following the service at the home of Patricia Fox, 1518 Augusta Road, Belgrade. Arrangements by Finley Funeral Home, 15 Church Street, Livermore Falls. Messages of condolence may be sent to: www.finleyfuneralhome.com.

CAROLYN J. WITTER

Carolyn J. Witter, age 82 of South Paris, passed away Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015 at the

Ledgeview Living Center. Carolyn was born in Bethel on Feb. 24, 1932, a daughter of Philip and Nellie (Jodrey) Daye and attended Bethel schools.

She had worked at ECHO Wood Products for many years and had also owned and operated Half Moon Dairy Bar in Bethel. Most recently, she had been a babysitter for over 20 years.

She enjoyed knitting but also liked being "Nana" the most. She also enjoyed snowmobiling in past years.

Carolyn married Glynn Witter on April 16, 1948. He died on June 12, 2003. She is also predeceased by three brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are three sons, Michael and wife, Gail of Bethel, Ronnie and his wife, Barbara of Lebanon and Philip and his wife, Melissa of Rehoboth, Mass.; two daughters, Bonnie Carver and her husband, Jeffrey of Norway, and Audrey Witter of West Paris; a brother,

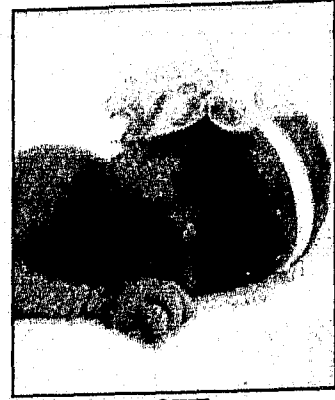
Edward Daye of Norway; five sisters, Patricia Daye of Rumford, Pearl Phillips of Rumford, Audrey Mixer of Bath, Tamarra Newell of Norway, and Donna Daye of West Paris; 12 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

The family would like to share a special Thank You to Dr. Medd and the staff at Stephens Memorial Hospital for the outstanding care Carolyn received.

Condolences can be expressed to the family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Chandler Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris, where a memorial service will follow at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Carolyn's memory to the Oxford Hills Rotary Club Christmas for Kids, P.O. Box 14, Norway, Maine 04268.

Births



HOWE

Seth Howe and Hannah Freeman are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Willow Raye Howe. Born on Dec. 20, 2014, Willow weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce and was 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Bob and Linda Howe, Great grandparents are Bud and Joan Howe all of Bethel. Grandparents Bill and Maryellen Freeman and great grandmothers Joy and Roy all of Peru.

WMSC program on valvular heart disease today

Daniel vanBuren, MD, Director of Cardiovascular Medicine at the New England Heart Institute at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Berlin, NH, will return to Bethel during American Heart Month to present a program on "Valvular Heart Disease," a condition typically affecting people after the age of 50. His program will take place today, Thursday, Feb. 5, from 4:30 to 6 pm at the Bethel Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel, with a snow date of Feb. 12. The program is presented by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC).

To Your Health welcomes Dr. vanBuren back for his fourth visit to discuss important issues related to heart disease. He will review valvular anatomy as well as the diagnosis and treatment options available. He said valvular heart disease is most commonly a result of aging and involves one of more of the four valves of the heart. The diagnosis is typically made in people after the age of 50, and more than one in ten people over the age of 75 are diagnosed with the disease. The treatment is surgical repair or replacement of the affected valve. If the disease is detected early, the outcomes of surgery are excellent and life expectancy can be restored to match that of healthy people within the same age group.

Dr. vanBuren will also review recent state-of-the-art techniques now available

to address valvular heart disease by approaching the valves through the blood vessels thus avoiding open heart surgery.

Dr. vanBuren is board certified in internal medicine, adult echocardiography, nuclear cardiology and cardiovascular disease. He is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He completed his internal medicine and cardiology training in Brooklyn, N.Y. and resides in Bethel.

The program is sponsored as a community service by

To Your Health of WMSC with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD#44/Continuing Education. The public is invited and admission is free. Light refreshments will be available.

Spring programs to be offered by To Your Health include the following: "Supermarket Strategies - A Trip to the Supermarket," with Cathi DiCocchia, on March 5, and "Joyful Living" on April 9. For more information, contact Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

Snowshoe Festival Feb. 13-15

The fifth annual Norway Snowshoe Festival will feature snowshoe walks, 5 and 10k snowshoe races, snowshoe games for the whole family, and a Valentine's Day Dance featuring the Don Roy Trio.

Recognized in 2012 by the Maine Downtown Center as a uniquely Maine festival, the Norway Snowshoe Festival returns for its fifth year to celebrate Norway's rich cultural heritage of arts, (as in music), and crafts (as in snowshoe making). This year's Festival will take place Feb. 13-15 with support from Norway Downtown, Healthy Oxford Hills, the Western Foothills Land Trust, and the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend.

Farmington celebrates Chester Greenwood who invented the ear muff, Kingfield has the Stanley Museum honoring the Stanley twins, and Rockland prides itself as the birthplace of Louise Nevelson and Edna St. Vincent Millay. Norway has its snowshoe industries and Mellie Dunham. Norway, once self-pro-

claimed as "The Snowshoe Town of America" was home to four major snowshoe industries between 1850 and 1980: Snowcraft, Tubbs, H.H. Hosmer and Dunham.

Mellie was not only the first commercial snowshoe maker in town, outfitting Admiral Peary's expedition to the North Pole, he was also a renowned fiddler who was commissioned by Henry Ford to play traditional fiddle music across the country. In honor of Mellie's talents, the Norway Snowshoe Festival always involves a contra dance in addition to athletic and family related outdoor snowshoe events.

Chocolate snowshoes (made by Maine Gourmet Chocolates in Auburn) and snowshoe valentines with Mellie Dunham lyrics will be available at the festival, and at Books 'n Things during the first half of February.

This year's Festival is also part of the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend which promotes outdoor activities across Maine, Feb. 13-15: greatmaineoutdoorweekend.org.

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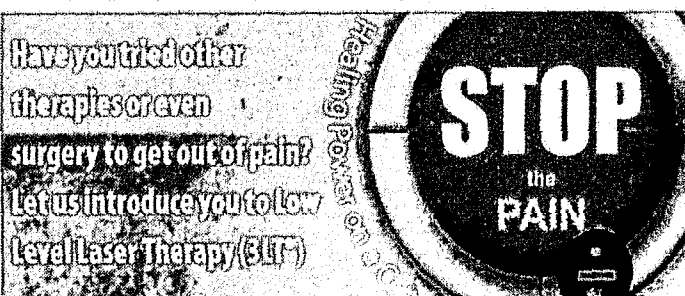
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REMINDER!

Secret Ballot Voting for Selectmen and School Board Members

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Monday, March 2, 2015

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